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Do You Give a Reason for the Hope in You?

[1] Recently a brother was asked, "Do you believe you have the only right religion?" He replied: "Of course I do. If I didn't think so, I would join another." Then he went on to explain kindly what the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses are and the Scriptural basis for them. He was following the admonition to "make a defense before everyone that demands of you a reason for the hope in you, but doing so together with a mild temper and deep respect." —1 Pet. 3:15.

[2] Daily, there are opportunities to give a reason for our hope. At work, fellow employees may wonder why you do not engage in their degrading conversations. At school, teachers or fellow students may ask why you do not celebrate holidays. Neighbors may inquire as to why you go to meetings so often. Such occasions may provide openings to apply the apostle Peter's counsel. If you have prepared in advance to answer, you may help sincere questioners learn to serve Jehovah along with us.

REACHING THE HEARTS OF LISTENERS

[3] In order to converse with people, it is necessary to establish a common ground. That is true whether we are in field service or conversing informally. An excellent Biblical example is recorded at Acts 17:22-31. Notice how the apostle Paul skillfully established a common ground at the outset and how he maintained it throughout the discussion. As a result, some were convinced of the truth.—See *School Guidebook,* pages 156-8, paragraphs 15-24.

[4] As you go from door to door during the month of January, look for a common ground to establish discussions. We are faced with the same problems as the householders. These include concern for the safety of our children and for their future, the lack of real peace, increasing crime, and drug abuse. God's Kingdom is the answer, so our Topic for Conversation highlights some of the blessings of the Kingdom.

[5] Congregations that have any of the 192-page books designated for use in this campaign will offer them for a contribution of 50¢ each. When offering such publications, highlight specific information that focuses on God's Kingdom. For example, you may want to feature the *World Government* book. On pages 9 to 13, it describes the world envisioned at Revelation 21:4. *Life Does Have a Purpose* discusses very similar

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Youths—Develop a Strong Relationship With Jehovah

[1] Delightful are the words found at Psalm 24:3-5: "Who may ascend into the mountain of Jehovah, and who may rise up in his holy place? Anyone innocent in his hands and clean in heart, who has not carried My soul to sheer worthlessness, nor taken an oath deceitfully. He will carry away blessing from Jehovah and righteousness from his God of salvation." Yes, Jehovah wants in his intimate association those who are clean and innocent, those who have not been leading a double life by taking a deceitful oath. It is a joy to see that multitudes of Christian youths today fit that description. They are a real credit to Jehovah and his organization. Their moral purity makes them beautiful in the eyes of God.

[2] Is it easy for young people to be morally clean today? No. Daily there are challenges that must be faced. There is a worldwide epidemic of unclean influences and immoral behavior. What can you do to protect yourself? There is a need to develop a strong relationship with Jehovah.

WHAT YOU MUST DO

[3] Since a strong relationship with Jehovah involves heartfelt appreciation for Jehovah's qualities, you need to learn what he is really like. This requires an earnest study of his Word along with Bible-based publications. Like Timothy, you need to be "nourished with the words of the faith and of the fine teaching which you have followed closely." (1 Tim. 4:6) Such study will help you see "the pleasantness of Jehovah." (Ps. 27:4) The more you learn about him, the closer you will be drawn to him.

[4] Developing such a relationship requires time and effort. Paul told Timothy: "Ponder over these things; be absorbed in them, that your advancement may be manifest to all persons." (1 Tim. 4:15) If you are not yet baptized, then work toward dedication and baptism. Since we are near the end of this system, we should be concentrating on "what sort of persons" we ought to be in "deeds of

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 2 1/5

Song 206

10 min: Local announcements. Read December 15, 1988, district convention assignment letter from Society. Highlight January offer of any 192-page book published prior to 1980, for 50¢. Provide names of older publications in stock locally. Briefly consider introductions that might be used with current Topic for Conversation. (See *Reasoning* book, subheading "Kingdom," pages 12-13.) All baptized Witnesses should make special effort to be present at Service Meeting next week.

17 min: "1989 'Godly Devotion' District Convention"—Part One. Question-and-answer consideration of paragraphs 1-8 of insert by congregation secretary. Read ONLY paragraphs 4, 6, and 7, and make application of scriptures as time allows.

18 min: "1989 'Godly Devotion' District Convention"—Part Two. Discuss with audience paragraphs 9-13 of insert. Highlight need to select accommodations from "Recommended Lodging Locations List" and avoid abuses. To be handled by presiding overseer.

Song 144 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 9

Song 207

7 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in field service on second Saturday of month. Suggest one or two articles that may be appropriate for local territory.

7 min: Medical Document and Identity Cards. Talk by secretary. Distribute cards to all baptized Witnesses present. Briefly review highlights of Society's letter of December 21, 1987, to all congregations. Encourage all to fill out cards promptly and see that they are properly signed and dated.

AW

16 min: "Do You Give a Reason for the Hope in You?" Discussion and demonstration. When considering paragraph 5, arrange for brief demonstration by qualified publisher making transition from last scripture in Topic for Conversation and presenting older publication or suggested alternate.

KJ

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Older Publications." Question-and-answer coverage. When considering paragraph 6, arrange for brief demonstration, featuring current offer.

Song 119 and concluding prayer.

TR

RS WEEK STARTING JANUARY 16

Song 93 DC

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Theocratic News. Include accounts report. Mention any contributions sent by congregation to Society for Kingdom work or the Society Kingdom Hall Fund as noted on December statement from Society.

20 min: AW "Benefit Fully From the Service Meetings." Question-and-answer coverage. Briefly obtain expressions from audience as to how they have personally benefited from Service Meetings.

BB + RG

15 min: Serving Where the Need Is Greater. Two brothers discuss article "Go Out From Your Land and From Your Relatives" from the August 15, 1988, issue of *The Watchtower*, pages 21-3. Highlight need to seek the advice of local elders, communicate with the Society, and count the cost before moving. (Note *Our Ministry* book, pages 112-13, and January 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* page 7, paragraphs 7, 8.)

Song 21 and concluding prayer.

JM

BB WEEK STARTING JANUARY 23

Song 164

12 min: Local announcements. Question Box. Encourage all to share in field service on fourth Saturday of the month.

18 min: "Youths—Develop a Strong Relationship With Jehovah." Questions and answers. Appeal to youths locally, encouraging them to keep making progress spiritually.

15 min: Listening to the Great Teacher. Talk and interviews. Highlight value of the *Great Teacher* book on cassette tapes for young persons. The 46 Bible stories appeal to children and teach them important Bible principles. These stories help to draw children to Jehovah, Jesus Christ, and the Bible. Review key points of the message from the publishers of *Great Teacher* book, pages 5-6. Interview youths and parents, highlighting benefits that children have received.

Song 205 and concluding prayer.

LA

AW WEEK STARTING JANUARY 30

Song 101

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in the field service on first Sunday of month. Announce which older publications are available to be offered during February. If older stock is depleted, use any other 192-page book available locally for contribution of $1.00. As time allows, have publishers relate experiences highlighting success in offering older publications during January.

15 min: "How Shall We Repay Jehovah?" Warm, informative talk based on article in the December 1, 1988, *Watchtower,* pages 25-8.

20 min: *1989 Yearbook* Highlights. Well-prepared talk on introductory material in *1989 Yearbook*. Feature outstanding results from unitedly saying "Come!" to people everywhere. Blessings come to all who share in extending the invitation. Call attention to outstanding increases set out in the worldwide report. As time allows, refer to some of the experiences given and show how these serve to encourage and benefit the brothers locally.

Song 18 and concluding prayer.

Youths *(Cont'd)*

godly devotion." (2 Pet. 3:11) How we feel about Jehovah as our God and Life-Giver is important. If we develop a closeness to Jehovah similar to what one should have for a respected and dearly loved father, then deeds reflecting that relationship will be forthcoming.—Mal. 1:6.

5 Tens of thousands of young men and women throughout the organization are using their vigor, energy, and enthusiasm to share in the preaching work. They are at the Kingdom Hall for meetings, willing and prepared to comment. Thousands are using their power of youth in the pioneer service. Proverbs 20:29 calls such well-spent power "the beauty of young men." Although cultivating a strong personal relationship with Jehovah requires hard work in his service, it is worth the effort!

6 Many of you young ones have Christian parents who have mapped out the course for you to follow. They have shown you the steps to take in order to keep on the road to life. Listen to your parents in union with the Lord. (Eph. 6:1) They dearly love you and they want you to succeed. They want you to be in the new world, so cooperate with them in the study periods they arrange. Make the truth your own. Learn all you can about Jehovah, and you will grow to love him and serve him forever.

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1989 "GODLY DEVOTION" DISTRICT CONVENTION

[1] The expression "godly devotion" refers to reverence, worship, and service to God, with loyalty to his universal sovereignty. The prime example of godly devotion is Jesus Christ. He was the one man to manifest godly devotion perfectly under severe conditions down to his death. (1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 7:26) As followers of Christ, we must strenuously train if we are to display godly devotion. This entails enduring opposition as Jesus did. (2 Tim. 3:12) Training with godly devotion as our aim "holds promise of the life now," namely, spiritual health, satisfaction, happiness, and a purpose in living. It also holds out to us the promise of life that "is to come." (1 Tim. 4:7, 8) Therefore, such training is not for our materialistic gain. Rather, as a result of it, we are content with basic provisions as we serve Jehovah.—1 Tim. 6:6-8.

[2] Though persecution and hardship may come, true Christians need not fear, for "Jehovah knows how to deliver people of godly devotion out of trial." (2 Pet. 2:9) He admonishes them to be identified by "holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion" in order to survive the judgment of Jehovah's day. (2 Pet. 3:10, 11) Would you like to learn ways to strengthen your godly devotion so as to remain loyal to Jehovah in the difficult days ahead? Much helpful counsel and encouragement regarding this will be presented at the three-day "Godly Devotion" District Conventions planned for the United States branch territory this summer. Plan now to attend and partake of the fine spiritual refreshment to be presented.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

[3] Following the Service Meeting for the week of January 2, the elders will post on the congregation's information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list covering the district convention to which your congregation is assigned. This list gives all the motels presently cooperating with the Society's rooming arrangement. By cooperating with these arrangements, the congregations will help the convention organization in its efforts to provide sufficient seats, food, literature, and rooming accommodations for everyone. As you make your plans to be in attendance, lovingly include others who need assistance, especially newly interested ones, so they also can attend every session. (Gal. 6:10) The program will start at 10:20 a.m. on Friday.

[4] **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as—but NOT before—your congregation posts the Recommended Lodging Locations list containing the addresses of the motels, their agreed-upon rates, and the phone numbers, you should phone the motel of your choice and make reservations, identifying yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and as a delegate attending the Watchtower convention. Doing so will qualify you for the rates listed, which in most cases have been greatly reduced, since the convention has negotiated for a large number of rooms. One night's DEPOSIT will be required at all locations in order to hold the room. Your deposit should be sent directly to the motel AS SOON AS you make your reservations. Do not make reservations at more than one motel or at motels that you do not intend to use. (Matt. 5:37) MOTELS ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO HOLD THE ROOMS OR EXTEND THE SPECIAL RATES WITHOUT A

DEPOSIT. If you must cancel your reservations, you should notify the motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available for other delegates. If the motel you call first is filled, call your next selection from the list, and so on. The convention Rooming Department will continue to provide the congregation with revised lists as long as necessary, deleting motels that have been filled and including additional motels until everyone has a room. Thus, if all the motels on the list are filled, please wait patiently for the next list, and you will be able to obtain a room.

5 **DORMITORIES:** A few conventions use school dormitories in order to accommodate all of those attending. Usually congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first motel listing. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow the instructions on the list that is sent to the congregations by the convention.

6 **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Arrangements to care for those with special needs should be made by the congregation where these attend. Elders and others aware of the individual circumstances can lovingly extend help. This often requires that publishers consider the needs of those in full-time service, the elderly, the infirm, the deaf, and perhaps others, which may include taking such ones with them. Publishers may care for such ones in other ways also. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18) Of course, the convention Rooming Department will endeavor to provide rooming accommodations for publishers with various special needs who are unable to care for themselves and who cannot be assisted by those in the congregation where they attend. These publishers may ask the congregation secretary for a Special Needs Room Request form, discussing their special situation with him at that time. The secretary should then speak with the Congregation Service Committee to see if it is possible for the congregation to assist these persons to care for their own rooming accommodations. If not, then he may give them a copy of the Special Needs Room Request form. Those with special needs are the only ones that should fill out this form. It is to be returned to the secretary and checked for completeness, accuracy, and verification of the circumstances that qualify the person or persons for special needs consideration, which is to be explained in detail in the space provided on the form. This should be done well ahead of the convention. This provision is only for baptized Witnesses and unbaptized publishers, including their children, who are in good standing with the congregation. The secretary will then forward the form to the convention Rooming Department. The individual making the request will be notified directly about the accommodations. Those with special needs should NOT go to the convention and request a room when they arrive because the convention Rooming Department needs the verification of the congregation secretary.

7 Private-home accommodations are usually set aside for those who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not available. They are not intended for those who can afford motel rooms but who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money. Similarly, it is not proper for delegates to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting to be accommodated extra days in order to visit vacation spots or do other things before or after the convention. These rooms are for the convention period only. Those receiving such accommodations should see that they and their children act respectfully toward the home of their host and do not

damage anything or rummage through the possessions or private areas of the home. If householders experience any difficulties along this line, this should immediately be brought to the attention of the Rooming Department at the convention, and the brothers there will be happy to help.

8 **DELEGATES ATTENDING FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED AREA:** In nearly every case, the location assigned for you to attend is the one nearest your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the majority will attend the convention to which they are assigned. However, if for some reason you will be attending a convention other than the one assigned and need accommodations, the congregation secretary can give you the address of the convention headquarters where you desire to attend. These addresses are listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request form. Then write to that convention headquarters and request a copy of the motel listing for that location, sending along a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Upon receipt of this list, use it to make your reservation.

9 **YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED:** The smoothness and success with which this rooming arrangement functions depend on the cooperation of everyone involved. (Compare Genesis 6:22.) Unless everyone cooperates by using ONLY the motels on the list, the Society may have to discontinue the present rooming arrangement. Thus, we are asking everyone to cooperate with the Society's rooming arrangement so as to avoid major difficulties that we are experiencing in our negotiations.

Because a number of complaints have been received, it is also necessary to make the following requests:

1) Do not make reservations before the congregation posts the Recommended Lodging Locations list from the convention or try to do so for the next year while attending the current convention.

2) Do not make reservations with motels not on the list or accept a higher price than what is quoted for a motel on the list.

3) Do not make reservations at more than one motel and, after arriving, check each one and then take the best one, canceling the others.

4) Do not reserve rooms for others without giving names and sending the deposits for each room immediately.

5) Do not put more people in the room than the law and the management allow, which is never more than four or five people, including children. To do otherwise is dishonest. (Remember, you are paying a rate based upon no more than four or five persons in the room.)

6) Do not check in before 1:00 p.m. or whatever is the motel policy. (You may check in after the program that day, since your deposit guarantees your room.)

7) Do not cook or heat food in the room unless it has a kitchenette for that purpose.

8) Do not get food on floor, walls, beds, or linens.

9) Do not allow children in hallways, elevators, or swimming pools without parental or guardian supervision with them. Do not use the swimming pools after their closing time.

10) Do not take any linens, including towels and washcloths, away from the motel.

10 Because of violations in these areas, the Society will be asking the Rooming

Departments to check with the motels during the convention to determine if any are experiencing such violations and who is involved. Such abuses are selfish and unloving. They not only make it difficult to negotiate for good rates at the motels but also bring reproach on Jehovah's name and organization. (Ps. 119:168) Your compliance in these matters is earnestly sought so that the Society may be able to continue assisting delegates to obtain reasonably priced accommodations. On the other hand, if you experience a problem with a motel, please immediately bring it to the attention of the Rooming Department overseer at the convention, and he will be pleased to assist in resolving it. The convention organization is working hard to save our brothers as much expense as possible, so it is in the best interests of all for everyone to cooperate fully with the Society's rooming arrangement. The listing is broad enough to give a choice of good-quality accommodations and yet give preference to the motels that cooperate. Our aim with this arrangement is to help delegates to be accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible so they will be refreshed and fully able to enjoy the fine spiritual program.

FOOD SERVICE

[11] A simplified food service arrangement similar to last year is planned for 1989. This greatly eases the work load and allows more attention to be given to the spiritual aspects of the convention, with the workers being able to enjoy more of the program. (Ex. 12:16b; Deut. 31:12; *it* vol. 1 pp. 503-4, 821; compare Luke 10:38-42.) The menu provides sufficient sustenance for the morning and noon periods. (Compare Matthew 14:14-20.) For evening meals, everyone is free to make his own arrangements, although some food will be available at the convention.

Priests Worked - Sacrifices

[12] The Society appreciates very much the fine support you brothers and sisters have been giving to the food service arrangements at the district conventions over the years. This has made it possible to rent good buildings and care for the convention expenses. It has also enabled you to remain at the convention site during the short noon break and to be present, on time and refreshed, for the more important spiritual program.

SIGN-LANGUAGE SESSIONS

[13] As you will note in the February 15, 1989, *Watchtower,* sign-language translation will be provided only at 16 specific convention cities. (NO provision will be made at any other conventions for sign language.) This has proved to be a real blessing for a number of years now for those with this special need by providing good-quality translating and larger groups with which to enjoy upbuilding fellowship. Those who are signers should let the deaf in their congregations know of the arrangements and help them to attend where the sign-language provision is made by the Society.

[NOTE TO THE BODY OF ELDERS: Please read the Society's convention assignment letter for your congregation, dated December 15, 1988, at your Service Meeting during the week of January 2, and post the Recommended Lodging Locations list on the information board. **(NO ONE, INCLUDING THE ELDERS, SHOULD MAKE ANY MOTEL RESERVATIONS BEFORE THIS SERVICE MEETING.)** Please read the assignment letter again at your next meeting, and then post it on the information board. In this way, all congregations will receive the information the same week.

The congregation secretary should handle convention-related material and announcements on future meetings. All elders will want to cooperate fully to ensure the prompt, enthusiastic, and effective handling of convention-related material.]

Announcements

- Literature offer for **January and February**: Any 192-page book published before 1980 and printed on groundwood (newsprint) paper that the congregation now has in stock, for a contribution of 50¢. (Congregations may request credit for books obtained by publishers and pioneers for the January and February offer. During this campaign only, the rate for regular and special pioneers for the pocket-size books is 30¢. For congregation publishers and auxiliary pioneers, the rate is 50¢ each.) Books printed on better-grade (free-sheet) paper are not to be used in this offer. *Choosing, Commentary on James,* and *Word of God,* although printed on better-grade paper, may also be offered for 50¢ during these two months. Congregations that do not have these older books may offer any other 192-page book available locally for a contribution of $1.00 each. **March**: *Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand!* for a contribution of $3.00. **April and May**: Subscription to *The Watchtower*. See article on page 8 relative to ordering extra magazines for April and May.
- Starting in February, and no later than March 1, the new public talk for circuit overseers will be "Will God's Judgment Day Come Upon You as a Snare?"
- Selective Service regulations require that all men register when reaching 18 years of age. All of those required to do so should take care of the matter promptly, viewing it as a Christian's obligation to the superior authorities. Elders will want to have this in mind and give appropriate reminders to young brothers nearing the age of 18. Questions as to the young Christian's responsibilities in this regard may be answered by the elders.
- The special public talk for the 1989 Memorial season will be given worldwide on Sunday, April 2, 1989. The subject of the talk will be "Come, You Who Thirst for the Truth!" An outline will be provided. Those congregations having the visit of the circuit overseer, a circuit assembly, or special assembly day that weekend will have the special talk the following week. No congregation should have the special talk before April 2.
- New Publications Available:

  Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation? (Large size) —Indonesian

  Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation? (Small size) —Danish

  My Book of Bible Stories —Mono-Kutuba

  Sing Praises to Jehovah (Small size) —Swedish

  Watch Tower Publications Index 1981-1985 —Spanish

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Benefit Fully From the Service Meetings

1 The heartfelt expression of every servant of God should be: "Instruct me, O Jehovah, about your way. I shall walk in your truth. Unify my heart to fear your name." (Ps. 86:11) The Service Meeting provides specific instructions to help us accomplish Jehovah's work of preaching the good news of his Kingdom. Do you really benefit from the Service Meeting by absorbing the counsel given?

BENEFITS OF GOOD PREPARATION

2 To benefit to the greatest extent from the instruction provided at the Service Meeting, advance preparation is required. Why? Thorough preparation conditions the mind and heart to receive instruction. By studying the material ahead of time, meditating on it, and analyzing the scriptures used, you will be in a better position to absorb and remember the spiritual food presented. Your own participation in making comments, sharing in demonstrations, or giving talks will be more meaningful. Your heart will be filled with satisfaction because you contributed your best.—Ex. 23:19a; Prov. 16:23.

3 When preparing, it is helpful for each member of the family to have a copy of the publications being used. Preparation is especially important for those assigned parts on the Service Meeting program. Assignments should be made well in advance to allow sufficient time for participants to prepare.

BENEFITS FROM PARTICIPATION AND APPLICATION

4 Have you noticed that participating in the meetings contributes greatly to your enjoyment of them? As *The Watchtower* of July 1, 1972, explained on page 411: "Real enjoyment comes when a person expresses his own faith in Jehovah among his Christian brothers. It is not a matter of feeling obligated to give a comment and then relaxing and leaving the rest of the meeting to others. . . . It is our love for Jehovah that fills us and overflows so that we want to bless Jehovah and to make expression of our love for him."

5 We have an assignment from Jehovah to preach the good news. Lovingly he provides much instruction through the Service Meeting so that each one of us is in a position to give the best Kingdom witness possible. As the Grand Instructor, Jehovah expects results from the instruction he provides his people. (See Deuteronomy 17:10.) Practicing and applying what you learn will benefit you, and you will be able to say, "I have done just as you have commanded me." —Ezek. 9:11.

6 You will also have the joy of saving yourself and those who listen to you. (1 Tim. 4:16) No doubt about it, the spiritual benefits from the Service Meeting are many. May you and your family be determined to take full advantage of them!

Question Box

- What should be posted on the congregation's information board?

The information board in the Kingdom Hall provides information about congregation activities. No items should be placed on the information board without the approval of the presiding overseer.

Some of the things posted on a regular basis include: Service Meeting and Theocratic Ministry School schedules and assignments, list of public talks that have been scheduled, Public Meeting chairman and *Watchtower* reader assignments, makeup and location of Congregation Book Studies, notice of the circuit overseer's next visit along with other related information, information regarding an upcoming assembly or convention, and the Kingdom Hall cleaning schedule. At times the Society instructs the elders to post certain letters or other items. If something out of the ordinary comes up, the body of elders can decide if it would be appropriate to have it posted.

Although a brief announcement concerning a wedding scheduled to take place in the Kingdom Hall may be made at one of the meetings, a formal wedding announcement would not be placed on the information board. Neither would it be proper to post announcements about gatherings of a strictly social nature, since these are not related to congregation activities.—See *The Watchtower,* April 15, 1984, page 15; *Kingdom Ministry,* June 1975, page 4, and May 1970, page 8.

The information board should be kept neat and attractive. It should be large enough to accommodate the necessary items outlined herein. Expired schedules and general items that the congregation has come to know about should be promptly removed. When more than one congregation meets in the same hall, each congregation should have its own separate, clearly marked information board or portion thereof. We recommend that the presiding overseer, or someone under his direction, check the board periodically to make sure that the items posted are current, appropriate, and neat.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Older Publications

1 Making the decision to worship God is vital. It means our life. Thus, acquiring accurate knowledge and the wisdom to apply it is a worthwhile goal.—Prov. 23:23; John 17:3.

2 To acquire knowledge and grow in wisdom, we must diligently study God's Word. In this way we become familiar with his commandments, laws, reminders, and counsel. We also need to meditate on the history of Jehovah's dealings with his people. Jehovah generously grants knowledge and wisdom to those who sincerely seek him. Through the years, by means of his organization, he has provided an abundance of publications that cover many fields of Bible knowledge. These can be of great benefit to many who have not come to know Jehovah.

VALUE OF OLDER PUBLICATIONS

3 During January and February, any of the 192-page books published prior to 1980 may be used. There is a wealth of information in these publications. They can be of real spiritual value to people. (See Matthew 5: 14-16.) So during these two months, let us endeavor to place all the older publications our congregation may have in stock.

4 The importance of getting these publications into the hands of people can be seen by considering the experience of a person who received a gift copy of one of the older books from his wife, who was a Witness. Up to that time, he had not shown any interest in the Bible. To her surprise, he read the book through in one evening. This so established his faith in the Bible as the Word of God that he attended the next congregation meeting and requested a Bible study. Within three months, he was going out in the field ministry and now is baptized.

HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

5 Do not underestimate the power of God's Word. Since these older publications highlight Bible truths, present them with a positive attitude. Of course, you will want to make sure that the older books you offer are in good condition. If the books are damaged or the pages have turned yellow, they should not be offered from house to house, since this could detract from the message.

6 If your congregation does not have any 192-page books designated for use in this campaign, then you may feature any other 192-page publication for a contribution of $1.00. After considering Revelation 21:4 with the householder, you may want to read paragraph 3 on page 184 in the *Happiness* book or call attention to the box on page 25 in the *"Kingdom Come"* book as a means of tying in the offer.

7 May we all enjoy a productive ministry by sharing knowledge from God's Word with these older publications! This can work to the eternal welfare of those to whom we witness.

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material on page 31. If older publications are not available, any other 192-page publication may be offered for a contribution of $1.00 each.

ON RETURN VISITS

6 When you return to develop the interest shown, be prepared to explain in greater detail the reason for your hope. Build on the common ground you established previously with the householder. Listen to his views. Reason with him. Leave him with the anticipation that future calls will provide additional wholesome information on which he can also build hope.

7 Whenever the way is opened up to give a reason for the hope in us, we want to take advantage of it. Whether young or old, we should be able to give sound, clear, persuasive reasons for our faith. May all of us demonstrate strong faith by zealously giving a reason for our hope.

Order Magazines for Special Campaign

The Watchtower during April and May will feature powerful articles exposing Babylon the Great. The full text of the resolution adopted by Jehovah's Witnesses at the "Divine Justice" District Conventions will be published in the April 15 *Watchtower*. We wish to give the widest possible distribution to this as well as the other magazines during the two-month subscription campaign.

In addition to the special effort made by all the publishers to distribute both the *Watchtower* and the *Awake!* magazines, many will no doubt enroll as auxiliary pioneers and will require extra magazines during the campaign. In preparing for the special campaign, congregations should anticipate their need for additional copies of the April and May issues and order sufficient copies well in advance of the campaign.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **No brothers were killed or seriously injured in Jamaica by Hurricane Gilbert. Relief supplies have been sent to help those who suffered material losses. The brothers in the Cayman Islands suffered few losses.**

◆ **Argentina concluded the service year with a new peak of 71,774 publishers. There were 88,015 Bible studies conducted during August.**

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?:*

January 2: Pages 160 to 167
January 9: Pages 168 to 175*
January 16: Pages 175* to 183
January 23: Pages 184 to 189*
January 30: Pages 189* to 196*

* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Blessings of God's Kingdom. (See *Reasoning,* pages 230-1.)
2 Pet. 3:13—Promise of righteous conditions.
Rev. 21:4—Death and pain to be no more.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

Watch Tower Publications Scripture Index 1946-1985 —Dutch
Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace" —Icelandic
Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood —Norwegian

- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  The First of Samuel (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Danish
  The Second of Samuel (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Danish
  Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Dutch, Greek, Italian, Turkish
  Listening to the Great Teacher (set of five cassettes and a book in an album; congregation and public: $11.25; pioneers: $9.50) —Dutch
  My Book of Bible Stories (set of four cassettes in an album; congregation and public: $8.00; pioneers: $6.00) —Korean

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	264	126.4	89.6	52.9	5.3
Pios.	62,221	83.9	41.8	27.9	2.7
Aux. Pios.	50,098	59.3	31.5	16.5	1.3
Pubs.	667,403	9.9	6.7	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	779,986				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,006

The report shows a new peak of 62,221 pioneers during October. This is 630 more than the previous month.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

FEBRUARY 1989
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Meetings for Field Service

FEBRUARY 6-12

Making campaign offer

1. Suggest appropriate introductions.
2. How will you illustrate main point?

FEBRUARY 13-19

Laying groundwork for return visits

1. How can this be done on the first call?
2. What notations should you make on house-to-house records?
3. What will you discuss on the return visit?

FEBRUARY 20-26

Using the *Reasoning* book, pages 227-32

1. What Kingdom blessings may interest those in your territory?
2. What points might be used with children?
3. What points might be used with parents?

FEBRUARY 27–MARCH 5

Offering the *Revelation Climax* book

1. What introduction will you use?
2. What points from the book will you highlight?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Blessings of God's Kingdom. (See *Reasoning,* pages 230-1.)

2 Pet. 3:13—Promise of righteous conditions.

Rev. 21:4—Death and pain to be no more.

Demonstrating Love for God and Neighbor

[1] When answering one who asked: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus said: "'You must love Jehovah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second, like it, is this, 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.'"—Matt. 22:36-39.

[2] Jesus' deep love for God was evident in the way he lived his life. He said: "My food is for me to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." (John 4:34) His genuine love for neighbor moved him to preach the good news of Jehovah's Kingdom with zeal. He also performed acts of healing. And what a superlative display of love was seen in the giving of his life as a ransom in behalf of mankind! How can we imitate Jesus in demonstrating our love for God and neighbor?

HOW TO DEMONSTRATE LOVE

[3] Telling others the good news of the Kingdom is a major way for us to do this. People need to be given a basis for hope and information to help them deal with these critical times. (2 Tim. 3:1) Our faith in God's Kingdom should motivate us to speak about it with an earnest desire to give all an opportunity to hear the truth. Speaking the truth about God's Kingdom and his purpose toward the earth honors him. Do we have such love for God and neighbor? Are we sharing fully in the work of Kingdom preaching? Do we take advantage of opportunities to witness informally to relatives, neighbors, and others? All of us must give such genuine evidence of our love for God and neighbor.

[4] Some may have felt that only those who are skilled and well educated are really qualified to bear such an important message. Rather, it is our reliance on Jehovah that is important. (Luke 11:13; 1 Cor. 1:26, 29, 31) Love for God and neighbor will enable us to overcome negative feelings and find real joy in the ministry. When we realize that we are helping people described as being "skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd," we no longer are overly concerned about ourselves.—Matt. 9:35, 36.

HOW TO SHARE IN FEBRUARY

[5] During the month of February, we have a fine opportunity to express our love for God and neighbor by offering some of the Society's older books for a contribution of 50¢ each. These older publications feature a variety of subjects, some of which will no doubt appeal to various ones

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Are You Making Your Return Visits?

[1] What a thrilling report of dynamic activity is presented in the *1989 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses!* Millions of people have been hearing the good news and millions of pieces of literature have been placed with interested people. The report indicates a keen awareness of the need to call back where seeds of truth have been sown. (1 Cor. 3:6, 7) Further care is essential. Sharing fully in this work has brought great joy to Jehovah's people, who made a total of 288,017,474 return visits last year.

WHEN?

[2] When you locate interested people, do you make return visits before the initial interest cools off? Calling back within a few days often brings good results. Keep an accurate and complete record of all placements and the interest you find. Regularly review these records to see that all your return visits are made promptly. Your diligence and persistence will be blessed by Jehovah and will greatly benefit those who have shown interest.

[3] Inclement weather in your area may make it more difficult to be out in the ministry in February. If so, why not spend more time making return visits and starting Bible studies? Are there people who have taken the magazines regularly and who may now be willing to study? One brother placed two magazines with a man but did not make a return visit, thinking he was not really interested. The man wrote a letter to the local congregation, asking for spiritual assistance. Many pioneers report that fine studies have resulted from following up magazine placements. Are there individuals who have attended the Memorial or other meetings on occasion who would like to study?

STARTING A STUDY

[4] The *Live Forever* book has proved to be an effective instrument in our ministry. Placing it, however, is only

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 6

Song 72

10 min: Local announcements. Include appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing on Saturday. Suggest talking points from current magazines.

20 min: "Demonstrating Love for God and Neighbor." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Include brief demonstration featuring an appropriate subject from one of the older books. Or demonstrate how to offer one of the 192-page books being offered for the regular contribution of $1.

15 min: Help Youths Defend Their Faith. Two well-prepared demonstrations showing practical value and use of *Reasoning* book. Comment briefly on need to be prepared to meet objections and to answer sincere questions. (1) Have exemplary youth demonstrate use of material under "What is the origin of Valentine's Day?" when speaking to a teacher. (pp. 181-2; *g*82 1/22 12) (2) Have parent reason with child on "What scriptures have always had a bearing on the attitude of true Christians toward ceremonies involving flags and national anthems?" (pp. 274-5) Emphasize need to be pleasing to Jehovah in all aspects of life and to preserve a good conscience.

Song 37 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 13

Song 49

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Theocratic News. Call attention to "Our Identification as Jehovah's Witnesses."

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20 min: "Are You Making Your Return Visits?" Question-and-answer discussion of article. When considering paragraph 4, include demonstration of how to start a study using the *Live Forever* book. RJ — X

15 min: "Into All the Earth Their Sound Went Out." Enthusiastic talk based on pages 3-7 of the January 1, 1989, *Watchtower*. Show how we benefit from reports from other places.

Song 192 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 20

Song 39 DC

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage support of magazine witnessing activity Saturday. Include brief magazine presentation featuring an article from *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* DW

20 min: "Prepare Now for Increased Activity Ahead." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Encourage setting goals and families' working together to enjoy increased activity in the field ministry during March and April.

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15 min: Question Box. Apply information to local needs and circumstances.

Song 44 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 27

Song 84 AL W BAH LETTER

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to obtain adequate supply of *Revelation Climax* books and share in field ministry the first Sunday in March.

* JM

23 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the New Offer." Question-and-answer discussion. Read paragraphs as time permits. Feature a demonstration on both paragraphs 5 and 6. Use well-prepared publishers to make clear and simple presentations.

12 min: "Do You Remember?" Consider article in the December 15, 1988, *Watchtower* by audience participation. Give preference to questions that are field oriented. A

Song 6 and concluding prayer.

Love (*Cont'd*)

in our territory. These publications have already proved their worth in helping many people to respond to the good news. So if we have any of these books left in stock, we are encouraged to put forth a concerted effort to get them into the hands of interested people who can be helped onto the way of life.

[6] Congregations that do not have older books in stock will be offering any other 192-page book. Special effort should be made to use all the older books that are on hand locally.

[7] Be sure to keep good house-to-house records. As we cover our territory more frequently, this becomes more important. When interest is found, try to get the person's name. Take note of all placements as well as interest shown when the literature offer was not accepted. Make note of what you talked about, what seemed to interest the individual, and the time he would most likely be at home. Also, keep a careful record of addresses where no one was at home. Good organization in this regard will contribute toward being more productive in the ministry.

[8] Observing the two greatest commandments is no less important for Christians today than it was in the first century. May we strive to demonstrate our love for God and neighbor by announcing Jehovah's Kingdom at every opportunity during the month of February!

Question Box

● How should meetings for field service be conducted?

The meeting for field service is an established congregation arrangement. It should be orderly and conducted with dignity. The attitude and decorum of those attending should be the same as when attending other congregation meetings. The meeting should start on time even when it is known that others will be coming later. The one assigned to conduct the meeting should be prepared to present something practical that can be used that day in service. *Our Kingdom Ministry* provides useful information and suggestions for this meeting.

It is not necessary to discuss the daily text at each meeting. If the text for that day obviously provides a basis for giving encouragement in field service, it may be considered briefly. The meeting should be held early enough to allow spending the full scheduled time in the field. It should be only 10 to 15 minutes in length. However, it may be shorter if it follows a regular congregation meeting. The schedule of the pioneers should be taken into consideration, since prolonged or late meetings for field service may place a burden on those who have to hold closely to a time schedule.

Arrangements should be made for everyone present to have an assigned place to work. Of course, some may have made personal arrangements to engage in return-visit or Bible-study activity and will not need to be given an assignment of territory to work.

All present should be attentive and cooperate throughout the meeting until the field groups have been made up and prayer has been offered. Those who have already made ar-

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **February**: Any 192-page book published prior to 1980, for a contribution of 50¢. Although the *Choosing, Commentary on James,* and *Word of God* books may have been reprinted on better-grade paper, these too should be used in this offer. Alternate offer for congregations that do not have older books: any other 192-page book available locally for a contribution of $1.00 each. (See January *Our Kingdom Ministry* regarding credit request.) **March**: *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* for a contribution of $3.00. **April and May**: Subscription to *The Watchtower* for a contribution of $5.00 for each one-year subscription.
- On April 29 the Brooklyn Bethel Home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours or for the congregations to pick up literature on that day.
- The Memorial celebration will be held Wednesday, March 22, 1989. Although the talk may start earlier, please remember that the passing of the Memorial bread and wine *should not begin until after sundown.* Check with local sources to determine when sundown occurs in your area. No other meetings are to be conducted on that date. If your congregation normally has meetings on Wednesday, you may want to switch those to another time of the week if the hall is available. If your Service Meeting is affected, it may be possible to incorporate into another Service Meeting any parts scheduled for that week that are particularly applicable to your congregation.
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached —English

Our Identification as Jehovah's Witnesses

As ministers of the good news, we are known publicly as Jehovah's Witnesses. Our voluntary participation in the field service is motivated by love of God and neighbor. It is not carried on at the insistence of any man or organization but is according to our God-given commission to preach the "good news" and make disciples. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Therefore, publishers do well to avoid representing themselves as agents or representatives of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., or any other corporation used by "the faithful and discreet slave" to advance Kingdom interests.—Matt. 24: 45-47.

In case of an accident or an emergency or if problems are encountered

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Prepare Now for Increased Activity Ahead

[1] During harvesttime, those involved are busier than usual. And during a time of urgency, people exert themselves and move about more vigorously than usual. We are living in a harvesttime and a time of urgency. There is much to do. Have you been preparing to accomplish all that is required?—Matt. 9:37, 38; 13:39; Luke 13:24; 1 Tim. 4:10.

THE MEMORIAL

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[2] The Memorial season is the most important time of the year for Jehovah's people. This year the Memorial celebration will be held on Wednesday evening, March 22. Are you making necessary arrangements so that nothing will prevent you and your family from being in attendance? Have you been extending invitations to relatives and acquaintances so that they too can be in attendance? What about interested ones in your territory, your Bible students, and former Bible students?—Luke 22: 19; Rev. 22:17.

[3] The elders usually arrange for a thorough cleaning of the Kingdom Hall before the Memorial so that all will be in readiness. Have arrangements been made for the Memorial speaker, the emblems and those who will serve them, as well as extra seating and sufficient attendants for this special occasion?

AN INCREASED SHARE IN THE FIELD SERVICE

[4] The Memorial season reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice in our behalf. Thus, it is an especially appropriate time for us to consider how to increase our activity in the field ministry. This is one of the ways to express our appreciation for Jehovah's undeserved kindness through his Son.

[5] Can you serve as an auxiliary pioneer during March or April, or during both months? These months, and also May, will feature an all-out campaign to publicize the powerful message of Revelation. March will mark our initial campaign with the *Revelation Climax* book, and surely all Kingdom publishers will want to expend themselves in this activity. The more favorable weather will be conducive to this. April has five weekends. What a grand opportunity to make magazine days of five Saturdays in succession, offering the colorful *Watchtower* issues on Babylon the Great! Of these, the April 15 *Watchtower* will contain the complete text of the forceful talk on "The Infamous Harlot" and the stirring resolution that followed at our "Divine Justice" conventions. What more incentive could we want to be busy on those five weekends, if possible as auxiliary pioneers, in giving this dynamic message the widest possible distribution! And to supplement this rousing message, the April 8 *Awake!* will set forth eye-opening articles on the Holocaust of the Nazi era.

[6] Extra effort is needed in order to have an increased share in the field ministry. Even if you cannot pioneer, it would be appropriate to set a personal goal of hours for March and April. Could you arrange to have more time for the field ministry by cutting back on personal pursuits and recreation? Put forth the effort. Ask Jehovah to strengthen you and bless you. Those who have physical limitations may find that with the help of others, they too can have an added share in this campaign.

[7] For all of us, March and April should be a very busy time in Jehovah's service. The elders will be diligent to have everything well organized. Literature needs should A be determined and orders placed well in advance. Make sure extra magazines, especially the April 15 *Watchtower,* are available. Arrange for territory, and make plans to cover it thoroughly. Have appropriate arrangements for field service, including evening witnessing. As we earnestly pray for Jehovah's blessing, let us make wise use of the time to his praise.

Question Box (*Cont'd*)

rangements can make this known. Specific assignments of groups and territories should be completed before concluding the meeting for field service—not in the parking lot or at some other public place. The meeting for field service should be closed with prayer. We can confidently expect Jehovah's greater blessing on the preaching work for that day if all concerned adhere to these suggestions.

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	268	127.8	77.7	52.8	5.5
Pios.	62,202	81.5	36.1	27.0	2.7
Aux. Pios.	32,556	58.7	26.7	16.6	1.5
Pubs.	684,939	9.5	6.1	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	779,965				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,962

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the New Offer

1 Sincere Bible students have for centuries desired to understand the book of Revelation. Since 1917, when *The Finished Mystery* was released, several books have been published by the Society to help God-fearing people understand this Bible book. *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* provides the clearest and most comprehensive explanation to date of the inspired Bible book of Revelation.

2 Jehovah's people especially have a keen interest in Revelation, with its fascinating visions of "things that must shortly take place." (Rev. 1:1) So it was with great joy and appreciation that we received the new *Revelation Climax* book at the "Divine Justice" District Convention. Have you been reading your copy? During the month of March, we will have opportunity to present this new book to all we meet.

FEATURES APPRECIATED

3 *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* is especially appreciated because it gives a verse-by-verse discussion of the entire book of Revelation. This will prove to be invaluable for personal study and in teaching others.

4 No doubt your attention was captured by the book's striking illustrations. They are a great aid in visualizing the symbolisms described by John. Use these illustrations effectively when presenting the book in the field service. Although we want to feature the Kingdom blessings in presenting the good news, we also need to help interested people appreciate the urgent message from Jesus Christ found in the book of Revelation. As the speaker at the district convention urged: "Use this new book . . . in announcing to the world that Babylon the Great is doomed, that the nations now face Armageddon, and that the grand climax will be reached in Jehovah's magnificent Kingdom rule by Christ and his bride."

WHAT WILL YOU SAY?

5 After introducing yourself, you might say: "Many have wished they could understand the book of Revelation. Of great consequence is 'the hour of the judgment' mentioned at Revelation 14:7. [Read.] It may greatly surprise you to find out who it is that has received an adverse judgment by God. [Read Revelation 18:2a, 4.] Have you ever heard the expression 'Babylon the Great'? [Allow for reply.] What is it referring to, and what is it that we need to get out of? [Display *Revelation Climax* book.] What makes this book so interesting and so helpful is that it provides enlightening comments on each verse in the Bible book of Revelation. The information presented in chapters 33-38 identifies Babylon the Great and tells of its imminent destruction. [Highlight a specific reference or picture in the publication.] This information will be of great value in helping you and your loved ones to take steps to gain God's favor, thus avoiding the fate of Babylon the Great. I encourage you to accept a copy of this book, *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*, for just $3."

6 To make a brief presentation, some may choose to read Revelation 18:4 and then turn to the picture on page 241, stating that the book explains what Babylon the Great pictures, what the beast pictures, and why it is so important for us to heed God's warning concerning them. Newer or less experienced publishers could explain the picture on page 302, using Revelation 21:4 as quoted on page 303.

7 Your introduction and the points you feature can be varied according to circumstances and by using the scriptures and information under "Babylon the Great," on pages 49, 52, and 53 of the *Reasoning* book.

8 We love Jehovah and we love our neighbor. This moves us to declare God's judgment message. While Babylon the Great must be exposed further, honesthearted ones must be given the opportunity to 'come out of her' and take a firm stand for the truth. To that end we raise our voices in unison, saying "Come!" to those who are thirsting for "life's water." —Rev. 22:17.

Identification (*Cont'd*)

while working trailer parks, apartments, or certain other territory, publishers may need some form of personal identification beyond giving their name along with a brief Scriptural explanation of the nature of our religious work. If questioned, or when asked for credentials, baptized publishers may use the identification card (S-65) signed by the presiding overseer, which shows one is preaching the good news of the Kingdom in association with the local congregation named on the card.

A supply of identification cards (S-65), which may be issued to baptized publishers when there is a need, will be included with the annual shipment of congregation forms. If any publishers use a personal name card in connection with their field service activities, they should not print thereon that they are representatives of the Watchtower Society.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **The British Virgin Islands had a new peak of 114 publishers in September, a 13-percent increase. They are conducting 145 studies.**

◆ **Haiti had a new peak of 5,629 publishers in September, a 12-percent increase. Congregation publishers averaged 13.2 hours and 1.2 studies.**

◆ **Japan had a new peak of 129,602 publishers in September. During three summer months, 308 congregations and 77 family groups shared in covering 385 towns and villages in unassigned territory, reaching an additional population of about 1.9 million.**

Return Visits (*Cont'd*)

the first step toward starting a study. On the initial call or when making a return visit, ask: "Have you ever thought about living forever? [Allow response.] Of course, many would not relish having to endure forever the suffering, violence, and hunger that plague so many at this time." While turning to pages 11-13, you might ask: "But suppose you could live forever under conditions like these. Would that not be pleasurable? [Allow response.] Living forever under such perfect conditions requires something of us. Notice what paragraph 19 says. [Read.] Let me demonstrate how this book is designed to help you to take in such knowledge."

5 Publishers are encouraged to leave tracts with individuals who may not accept the regular literature offer or where no one is at home. These can be effectively used on return visits to demonstrate our study method. Each tract discusses two or three points. Read one paragraph at a time with the householder. When a question is asked, stop and invite the householder to express himself. Look up and apply the scriptures cited.

6 Experience has shown that it is best to schedule set times for making return visits and developing and conducting studies. Having a definite time for this work will help us to follow up interest promptly. Perhaps time can be set aside in the evening, on the weekend, or after completing our house-to-house work. Determine the time that is best for you and for the territory. Then endeavor to share in this work regularly, so as to make disciples.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?*:

February 6: Pages 196* to 201
February 13: Pages 202 to 207*
February 20: Pages 207* to 214*
February 27: Pages 214* to 220*

* To or from subheading.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 6-12

***Revelation Climax* book**

1. Why does every household need a copy?
2. What alternate presentations might be appropriate for your territory? (See *Reasoning* book, pages 49-53 or 322-33.)

MARCH 13-19

Inviting others to Memorial

1. Why encourage others to attend?
2. Who should be invited?
3. How can the printed invitations be used?

MARCH 20-26

How will you

1. Offer the *Revelation Climax* book this week?
2. Give further assistance to those who attend the Memorial?

MARCH 27–APRIL 2

When working from house to house

1. What has been effective when offering *Revelation Climax* book?
2. How will you offer the subscription?
3. Why keep good house-to-house records?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Whom Shall We Worship?

Rev. 14:7—Worship the Creator.

Rev. 18:2a, 4—Heed God's warning.

Urgently Declare Jehovah's Judgments

1 Jehovah's appointed time to execute his judgments against Babylon the Great rapidly approaches. (Rev. 1:3; 19:2) But first, a final warning of her impending destruction must be given. In order to survive, lovers of righteousness must "get out of her" and work toward gaining an approved standing before Jehovah. —Rev. 18:4.

2 The new book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* will help us to carry out this warning work. Clearly and vividly it presents God's judgments against this condemned world. If you have not already done so, you should set aside time to complete the reading of this new book as soon as possible.

MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT

3 In view of its urgent message, all publishers will want to have a part in offering the *Revelation Climax* book from house to house. Take note of not-at-homes and call again. Elders should consider arranging additional meetings for field service. Would afternoon service arrangements be helpful to the publishers? Some have found early evening witnessing to be very productive.

4 In addition to offering the *Revelation Climax* book from door to door, utilize other opportunities as well. Young publishers can offer the book to their teachers. Those employed secularly can talk with workmates during lunch breaks and offer the book to them. Give all persons—relatives, deliverymen, salespersons who come to our door, doctors, dentists, lawyers, businesspeople with whom we have dealings—the opportunity to "hear the words of this prophecy." (Rev. 1:3) They may want to be among the unnumbered great crowd that will survive the climax of divine judgment at Armageddon.

5 The new Topic for Conversation is "Whom Shall We Worship?" Our introduction could include information from page 322 of the *Reasoning* book. Ask the householder if he has observed how many different forms of worship there are, and then point out that man has a basic need to worship something higher than himself. However, since men have so often worshiped false gods, Revelation 14:7 gives us a timely warning. This points out the need to worship our Creator, the true God. The book of Revelation identifies all false religions by the name Babylon the Great and sounds an urgent warning at Revelation 18:2a, 4. Though one may be morally upright and try to do good to others, what if he supports false religious organizations? God does not approve such a course. This gives us something serious to think about. Show the *Revelation Climax* book and draw attention to a specific point

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Memorial Celebration for 1989

1 Wednesday, March 22, 1989, will mark the 1,956th anniversary of the Memorial of Christ's death. When making our own plans to be in attendance, we need to think of others who may need an invitation or our personal assistance in some way. Now is the time to start making preparations for the Memorial and to think about inviting others.—Please see "Things to Prepare for the Memorial" on page 4.

2 How do we view attendance at the Memorial? We should view it as a privilege and as an opportunity to show appreciation for the sacrifice of Christ. If you know you will be away from your home congregation, be sure that you have the address of the Kingdom Hall in the area you will be visiting so that you can attend there.

USE SPECIAL INVITATIONS

3 You may start using the special Memorial invitations early in March. Remember, they are not to be used as handbills but should be given to interested ones personally. Because people often forget dates and times, it is suggested that we neatly write or type the Kingdom Hall address and the time for the Memorial celebration on the bottom or the back of the invitation. If possible, spend a little time with the person you are inviting to help him understand clearly the significance of the Memorial. Newly interested people may hesitate to go to the Kingdom Hall by themselves. Can you offer to provide transportation or arrange to meet them outside the hall? This will require additional time and effort, but your assistance will be appreciated. Also, a special effort should be made to help those who have known of the truth for some years but who have held back from attending meetings regularly. —Luke 11:23; John 18:37b.

NECESSARY PREPARATIONS

4 Congregation elders will want to be sure that all arrangements for the

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 6

Song 209

7 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage all to get adequate literature supplies for a full share in field service this Saturday and Sunday.

20 min: "Urgently Declare Jehovah's Judgments." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Inform congregation of time and place for any additional meetings for service during the March campaign. Have experienced publisher demonstrate presentation based on information in paragraph 5. Consider cited scriptures as time permits.

18 min: "Memorial Celebration for 1989." Talk by presiding overseer with some audience participation. Ask congregation to relate how they plan to invite new ones to the Memorial and help these to attend. Remind congregation that Memorial invitations are available.

Song 3 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 13

Song 43

12 min: Local announcements. Include accounts report, warmly expressing appreciation for contributions acknowledged by the Society. Remind all that Memorial will be Wednesday evening, March 22. Give time of celebration and outline local arrangements. Special effort to be made on weekend to invite interested persons. Briefly demonstrate calling to remind one previously invited.

20 min: "Can You Auxiliary Pioneer in April?" Question-and-answer coverage. Include practical comments from those in local congregation who have auxiliary pioneered previously while caring for family obligations or while holding full-time secular jobs.

13 min: Interview some who are planning to auxiliary pioneer in April. How have they arranged their schedule? Ask why this April can be a fine month to pioneer. Encourage all who can to apply promptly. Applying now for this service will allow additional time to coordinate schedule with others. Publishers whose circumstances do not allow them to pioneer may be able to increase hours for month by working with the pioneers as they are able.

Song 32 and concluding prayer.

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KW

WEEK STARTING MARCH 20

Song 87

AW

12 min: Local announcements. Encourage prompt follow-up visits on those attending Memorial, whether new ones or those who seldom attend meetings. Explain what congregation is doing and what publishers can do individually. Outline additional group-witnessing arrangements made for this week.

ES

18 min: "Are You Searching for Godly Wisdom?" Elder briefly reviews article and then invites a group of publishers to join him in discussing how personal reading and study of *Revelation Climax* book has strengthened their faith and renewed their determination to be faithful and zealous to the end. Highlight new insight on "great crowd" as included in the symbol of 'myriads of horses' described in Revelation 9:16-19. (Rev. 7:9) Stimulate eagerness to share in wide distribution of this unique publication for our times.

~~RJ~~ JA

15 min: Local needs or talk based on article "They Can Help You to Preach" in the February 15, 1989, *Watchtower,* pages 22-4. Importance of magazines coming each week by subscription should be emphasized.

Song 63 and concluding prayer.

AW
KA

WEEK STARTING MARCH 27

Song 156

TF

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Have pioneer or skilled publisher demonstrate use of Topic for Conversation, adapting it to the subscription offer. Encourage all to arrange to participate in field service this weekend, supporting magazine work on Saturday as well as house-to-house witnessing on the first Sunday of the month.

TR

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Featuring *The Watchtower."* Questions and answers. In connection with paragraph 3, have a publisher demonstrate how to give a 30- to 60-second magazine presentation in the door-to-door activity. Stress the need to present only the magazines. For paragraph 4, have a publisher demonstrate using the April 15 *Watchtower* in street work. In discussing paragraphs 5 and 6, emphasize that the magazine presentation is to be no longer than 60 seconds; when presenting the subscription, the Topic for Conversation should be used.

15 min: "Exert Yourselves Vigorously." (Luke 13:24; 1 Tim. 4:10) Talk by service overseer, based on information in article "Do Not Let Your Hand Rest" that appeared in January 1988 *Our Kingdom Ministry* and the January 1, 1989, letter regarding territory seldom worked. Much enthusiasm generated in this work last year. There were over 800 assignments sent out. Many favorable comments from circuit overseers, congregations, and individual publishers who participated. Those who would like to apply should submit their applications as soon as possible.

Song 10 and concluding prayer.

Are You Searching for Godly Wisdom?

¹ "Keep Searching as for Hid Treasures" was the subject of a motivating talk on the second day of the "Divine Justice" District Conventions. Are we following through with what we heard and endeavoring to become more diligent searchers for treasures of wisdom?—Prov. 2:1-6.

² We would be poor treasure seekers if we rarely read the Bible or if we generally failed to read *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Do we dig for the priceless gems of wisdom in God's Word when preparing talks, pondering the answer to a Bible question, or seeking solutions to problems? Time spent in research and meditation is needed in order to find Bible gems, but what happiness results!—Prov. 3:13-18.

³ Now we can make regular use of the new publication *Insight on the Scriptures* along with the *Index, Concordance, Reference Bible,* and other outstanding publications in our theocratic library. How generously Jehovah has supplied us with the help we need for searching out "the deep things of God"!—1 Cor. 2:10.

⁴ Our spiritual health is directly related to godly wisdom. On Sunday morning of our convention, many fine suggestions were shared in the talk "Maintaining Spiritual Health in a Sick World." Do you recall how we can avoid spiritual sickness due to weaknesses of the flesh, worldly influences, and the machinations of the Devil? The convention speaker pointed out that we can build and maintain spiritual health by never neglecting to nourish ourselves spiritually

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **March**: *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* for a contribution of $3.00. **April and May**: *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $5.00. *Awake!* subscription may be offered on same basis. Six-month subscriptions and one-year subscriptions to monthly editions are $2.50. **June**: *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for a contribution of $1.00.
- The presiding overseer or someone assigned by him should audit the congregation accounts on March 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- In preparation for the Memorial celebration, all will want to follow the schedule for Bible reading provided on the 1989 calendar, beginning on Friday, March 17.
- Contributions that congregations send to the Society for the advancement of Kingdom work as well as contributions to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund or special contributions for other designated purposes are acknowledged on the Society's monthly statements to the congregations. These acknowledgments include brief expressions of appreciation. The presiding overseer should observe such acknowledgments and have these called to the attention of the congregation each month when the accounts report is given. The Society wants the brothers to know that their contributions have been received and that they are appreciated.
- The Society is now accepting orders for reprinted *Watchtower* bound volumes in English for the years 1970 through 1974. Congregations and individuals desiring to have these volumes for their library should determine the total number of volumes they need for each year and submit their requests through the congregation. The total quantities should be entered on the Literature Order form (S-14) and SUBMITTED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1989. (See *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) Printing of the third five-year series of *The Watchtower* bound volumes in English will commence this spring. Please do not place orders for years other than 1970 through 1974 until future direction appears in *Our Kingdom Ministry.* Since the Society will not stock these reprinted volumes, we urge all to consider the matter carefully and place orders for the 1970 through 1974 volumes that are needed. Later orders will only be filled as long as existing supplies last. These reprinted volumes are controlled stock items and are to be paid for upon receipt. The price will be $6.00 each.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1986 Edition (Regular edition; *bi12* with marginal references) —Portuguese
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (Deluxe pocket edition; *DLbi25*), available in black or maroon —French
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —Armenian, Gun
  - *Watch Tower Publications Scriptural Index 1945-1985* —Finnish
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Large size) —Bislama
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Luganda
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Cambodian
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* —Hindi, Hungarian, Vietnamese
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Vietnamese
  - Tract No. 14 —Estonian, Ukrainian
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Daniel* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —English
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* (set of four tapes in an album; congregation and public: $8.00; pioneers: $6.00) —Portuguese
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (A-Z) —English

Can You Auxiliary Pioneer in April?

¹ Jesus initiated a work of such importance that the future of all mankind depends upon its outcome. (Matt. 4:17) It is the work of preaching the good news and making disciples. This work will reach its climax just before "the end," when the Kingdom message will have been "preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations." —Matt. 24:14.

² Since we have now reached the conclusion of the system of things, this work is more urgent than ever. With lives at stake, unnecessary delay can have far-reaching consequences. The auxiliary pioneer arrangement has encouraged many to be more active in getting this urgent work done. Can you auxiliary pioneer in April?

APRIL PROVIDES FINE OPPORTUNITY

³ With its five full weekends, April will be an excellent month for many to enroll as auxiliary pioneers. Even some with full-time secular employment may be able to do so. Some who pioneered last year were greatly blessed and expressed their desire to serve again this year. By making plans now, could you auxiliary pioneer in April? Why not discuss this possibility with those who are already appointed and get some practical suggestions from them?

⁴ Expanding our service can bring increased happiness. Even though this may entail sacrificing other personal interests, by sowing bountifully, we will reap increased spiritual blessings. (2 Cor. 9:6b) Those working whole-souled for Jehovah are "filled with joy" in the bountiful harvest of new disciples.—Acts 13:48, 52.

A THEOCRATIC STEPPING-STONE

⁵ After first tasting the joys of the auxiliary pioneer service, many have become regular pioneers. In this way, auxiliary pioneer service can serve as a stepping-stone toward greater happiness. If you are able to auxiliary pioneer in April and succeeding months, you may be able to develop return visits and Bible studies that will help you make a smooth transition to the regular pioneer service at the beginning of the new service year in September.

⁶ Why are many of Jehovah's Witnesses expanding their ministry at this time instead of seeking more material advantages in this system? It is because they want to praise Jehovah and tell others about his purposes. They know that "the world is passing away and so is its desire, but he that does the will of God remains forever." (1 John 2:17) They act sincerely in harmony with their prayer that the Master of the harvest will "send out workers into his harvest."—Matt. 9:37, 38.

⁷ Genuine love for God and for neighbor moves us to share in the disciple-making work to the extent of our ability. (Matt. 22:37-39; 28:19) Although personal circumstances prevent many from being pioneer publishers, doing all we can in Jehovah's service according to our circumstances commends us as those who are 'working hard and exerting themselves in helping all sorts of men to be saved.'— 1 Tim. 4:10.

Searching *(Cont'd)*

through study, by attendance and participation at meetings, and by having a wholesome share in the field service. Taking preventive measures such as shunning bad association and debased worldly entertainment while also avoiding persons who do "not assent to healthful words" will help us maintain a healthy faith.—1 Tim. 6:3, 4; Titus 1:13.

⁵ As we follow through on the points learned at the "Divine Justice" District Convention, let us be determined to give due thought to what we hear at Christian meetings and thus gain additional godly wisdom and discernment.—2 Tim. 2:7.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Featuring *The Watchtower*

[1] The Bible strongly urges mankind to seek knowledge of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ. This knowledge is far more valuable than gold or silver. (Prov. 8:10) Why? Because such accurate knowledge leads to everlasting life. (John 17:3) However, accurate knowledge is not acquired or maintained without considerable personal effort. No wonder Solomon said: "If you keep seeking for it . . . , in that case you will understand the fear of Jehovah, and you will find the very knowledge of God."—Prov. 1:7; 2:4, 5.

[2] The world of mankind is in darkness as to God's purposes, but valuable knowledge of Jehovah comes to us through the precious and timely articles published in *The Watchtower*. (Isa. 60:2) What a privilege we have in sharing this vital information with others! During April and May, a series of articles on the exposure of Babylon the Great and her execution will be featured.

WHAT CAN WE HIGHLIGHT?

[3] The April issues of *The Watchtower* examine the identity of "Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots." (Rev. 17:5) After introducing yourself, arouse the householder's curiosity in the April 1 issue by saying: "Since the first century, people have been intrigued by the visions and symbols of the Bible book of Revelation. One of the most mysterious of these is the great harlot Babylon the Great, described in Revelation chapters 17 and 18. What does this Babylon symbolize? With the help of this article 'A Mystery—Who Is the Harlot Babylon the Great?' you will discover the answer." By leaving the question unanswered, you may get the attention of the individual.

[4] In the April 15 issue, the article "Babylon the Great Plays the Harlot" explains what is meant by harlotry in the spiritual sense. The "Divine Justice" convention talk on "The Infamous Harlot" and the Resolution are also included. Again, we can ask thought-provoking questions such as: Who is this Babylon the Great? Why is she condemned in such strong terms in the Bible? How does her destruction affect our generation and your future? Remember to keep the presentation simple by getting directly to the point, doing so in 30 to 60 seconds.

PLAN AHEAD

[5] While we normally stress the second and fourth Saturdays as magazine days each month, it would be good to stress all five Saturdays during April since we have these important magazines to present. On magazine day, concentrate on making a brief presentation of no more than 60 seconds. A wide circulation of these timely issues of the magazines is needed in order to sound a warning for all to hear.—Isa. 61:2; Rev. 18:4, 5.

[6] April begins a new *Watchtower* subscription campaign. Unlike the brief presentation that is recommended for the weekly magazine day, we will want to use the Topic for Conversation when offering the subscription. Those who do not wish to subscribe to the magazines should be encouraged to accept the current issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 50¢.

[7] Do you fully appreciate the excelling value of *The Watchtower?* It is an important instrument for educating mankind in Jehovah's ways of righteousness. (Matt. 5:6) In distributing this outstanding journal, we have the privilege of warning the nations of the impending destruction of Babylon the Great.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Australia had a new peak of 48,558 publishers in October. This is an increase of 3,144 over last October.

◆ Côte d'Ivoire reported a new peak of 2,926 publishers for October. The number of regular pioneers increases every month. Currently 18 percent of the publishers are pioneering.

◆ Cyprus had their fourth consecutive publisher peak in October with 1,168 reporting.

◆ Hong Kong was happy to report a new peak of 1,795 publishers and a new peak of 2,929 Bible studies for October. The congregation publishers averaged 16.4 hours.

Judgments *(Cont'd)*

of interest. Then offer the book for a contribution of $3.

[6] Your presentation may be varied according to the type of territory you are working. Review the material in the *Reasoning* book under "Religion," pages 322-33, and under "Babylon the Great," pages 49-53, for suggestions on how this can be done. It is urgent that we share fully in declaring this divine message of judgment and hope.—Rev. 14:6, 7.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	261	127.4	81.7	53.8	5.5
Pios.	62,145	79.1	35.2	26.4	2.7
Aux. Pios.	30,213	58.0	25.5	16.1	1.4
Pubs.	688,001	9.6	6.1	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	780,620				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,144

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?:*

March 6: Pages 220* to 223*
March 13: Pages 223* to 227*
March 20: Pages 227* to 231
March 27: Pages 232 to 239*

* To or from subheading.

Memorial *(Cont'd)*

Memorial have been carefully made well in advance. Be sure to select well-qualified brothers to pass the emblems. These brothers should be elders or ministerial servants, if available. Have a sufficient number of brothers prepared to do this so that the passing of the emblems will not be prolonged unnecessarily. After the servers have served those in the audience, the servers will sit down in the front row and the speaker will serve them. Finally, one of them will serve the speaker.

[5] With the passing of each year, we come closer to the day when the Lord's Evening Meal will no longer be celebrated. Only a comparative few of the anointed brothers of Christ remain. Jesus commanded that his death be memorialized until all of his brothers are with him in the Kingdom. (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:25) Until then, we will obediently and faithfully gather each year for the celebration of the Memorial with the greatest joy and appreciation.

Things to Prepare for the Memorial

(See February 15, 1985, *Watchtower,* page 19.)

1. Has everyone, including the speaker, been informed of the exact time and place of the celebration? Does the speaker have transportation?
2. Have definite arrangements been made to provide the emblems?
3. Have arrangements been made for someone to bring a clean tablecloth and the required number of glasses and plates?
4. What arrangements have been made to clean the hall?
5. Have the attendants and servers been assigned? Has a meeting been scheduled with them before the Memorial to go over their duties? When? What procedure will be followed to ensure that all are served efficiently?
6. Are arrangements complete to help older and infirm brothers and sisters? Are arrangements made to serve any of the anointed who may be confined and unable to be at the Kingdom Hall?

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Meetings for Field Service

APRIL 3-9

When offering subscriptions

1. What article from *The Watchtower* will you highlight?
2. How will you tie in the subscription offer with Topic for Conversation?

APRIL 10-16

How can an introduction be

1. Simple?
2. Conversational?
3. Adapted to householder's objection?

APRIL 17-23

How will you respond to the objection

1. "You just called last week"?
2. "I am already well acquainted with your work"?
3. "We have no money"?

APRIL 24-30

In making return visits

1. Why call on magazine placements?
2. What is our main objective?
3. How will you initiate the conversation?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Whom Shall We Worship?

Rev. 14:7—Worship the Creator.

Rev. 18:2a, 4—Heed God's warning.

Help Honesthearted Ones Escape From Babylon the Great

1 The strong warning recorded at Revelation 18:4 has taken on added urgency in view of our times. Any doubts as to the true identity of Babylon the Great have been dispelled. Clearly she has been exposed as the world empire of false religion used by Satan to fight against the seed of God's "woman."

2 Remaining within her makes one a sharer in her sins. However, more is required than just abandoning false religion. No one can remain indifferent with regard to true worship and yet expect to receive Jehovah's blessings. Those fleeing Babylon must study God's Word, join in proclaiming the good news, and become dedicated and baptized servants of God.

3 Do all who attended the Memorial on March 22 sense the urgency of getting out of Babylon and becoming wholly dedicated servants of Jehovah? We must help any indecisive ones to take their stand for Jehovah. (Jas. 1:8; 4:8) Make a special effort to get the hard-hitting April and May issues of *The Watchtower* into their hands. Help them to appreciate that since the time left is reduced, there is a pressing need for them to take their stand now.—Matt. 12:30.

HELP NEW ONES

4 With the Memorial celebration fresh in our minds, April is a logical time to help new ones to realize that sharing in the field ministry is an excellent means for showing that they rightly esteem Jesus' sacrifice. Yes, it is a necessary way to demonstrate how much we appreciate what Jehovah and his Son, Jesus, have done for us!

5 Do you conduct home Bible studies with a view to preparing students for the field ministry? They need progressive help and encouragement in order to develop appreciation for this Christian responsibility. Explain to your students the importance of field service, and demonstrate how it is done. You will find the brochure *Doing God's Will* helpful in this regard.

MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS

6 When a Bible student has made substantial progress and shows a desire to help fulfill Matthew 24:14, it would be beneficial to review what is stated on pages 98 and 99 of the *Our Ministry* book. He should be able to qualify as one "handling the word of the truth aright." (2 Tim. 2:15) Do not invite him to accompany you

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Renew Zeal by Applying *Watchtower* Suggestions

1 Christ Jesus is the perfect example of a zealous preacher of the good news. His earnest desire to do his Father's will and his keen interest in people prompted him to show personal concern for others. His ministry was vibrant, and he got results. The ministry refreshed him. He considered it to be "food" that sustained him. (John 4:34) He imparted words of salvation to others while accomplishing the work that his Father commissioned him to do. This gave meaning and purpose to his life.

2 The apostles and other first-century followers of Christ Jesus imitated his zeal for the ministry. Even though severely persecuted at times, their zeal could not be dampened. (Acts 5:28-32; 8:1, 4) The same is true today. The good news is being preached in virtually every corner of the earth by individuals who follow the example of Jesus Christ. As Jehovah's Witnesses, they are ever "zealous for fine works."—Titus 2:14.

3 If we lack zeal, our work becomes perfunctory, and our personal involvement becomes superficial. As a result, we may no longer find joy in our service. If we find ourselves in this position, we need to look for ways to renew our zeal and to accept the challenges the field ministry presents. The July 15, 1988, *Watchtower* article entitled "Pay Constant Attention to Your Teaching" highlighted practical suggestions to help us to strengthen or renew our zeal in Kingdom service.

CHALLENGES WE FACE

4 In many parts of the world, there is very little new or rarely-worked territory. In metropolitan areas, it is not uncommon for congregations to work their territory once a month or even once a week. This can present a challenge since many householders already know who we are and oftentimes attempt to stop the conversation before we can make a presentation. Perhaps they complain that 'a Witness was here just last week.' Many of our neighbors are not at home, or we may find that the people in our territory are apathetic. All these things can be discouraging. But have you applied the suggestions presented in paragraphs 4-7 of the

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING APRIL 3

Song 53 CO VISIT

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Highlight key points in "Prepare for the Written Review." Encourage all to offer current magazines this Saturday, using hard-hitting message against Babylon the Great. Show the striking covers of issues to be offered and make brief comment on contents. Announce group-witnessing arrangements for Sunday.

15 min: "Help Honesthearted Ones Escape From Babylon the Great." Question-and-answer coverage by service overseer.

20 min: Assist Both New and Inactive Ones. Elder discusses need to assist inactive ones and others needing encouragement. What can the congregation do to help? Highlight need for all to cooperate closely in encouraging inactive ones and in strengthening others. (Heb. 6:1-3) Essential if we are to share in 'fully accomplishing our ministry.' (2 Tim. 4:5) Show how assistance can be given through the Congregation Book Study. Check *Index* to locate practical suggestions that apply locally.

Song 20 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 10

Song 8 RW

8 min: Warm welcome to meeting. Local announcements and accounts report. Comment briefly on current magazines being offered this Saturday.

23 min: "Give Close Attention to Personal Organization." Elder should cover material in insert by audience discussion. He should ask questions of a practical nature that will draw out how the brothers may use the suggestions to improve their own personal organization. Also, ask for observations on what they are doing to use their time effectively.

LA

14 min: "Using Our Defenses to the Full." Question-and-answer discussion of material with emphasis on how it is being applied in the local congregation.

Song 136 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING APRIL 17

Song 30 DS

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Demonstrate two appropriate brief magazine presentations publishers can use this Saturday. WB

15 min: Strengthening Our Faith. Discuss with audience worldwide expansion and experiences from 1989 *Yearbook* that would particularly strengthen faith of local congregation. See pages 11-13, 42-3, 47, 49, 52-3, 82-3, 121-2, 127-9 as suggestions, though others not featured on Service Meeting for week of January 30 could be used.

AW

20 min: "Renew Zeal by Applying *Watchtower* Suggestions." Question-and-answer discussion. In discussing paragraphs 4-6, review the suggestions made on pages 16-20 of the July 15, 1988, *Watchtower*. Select and highlight one or two of those mentioned in the *Watchtower* article that would be most helpful in your local territory. Demonstrate the application of a suggestion given in the magazine.

Song 64 and concluding prayer.

WR

WEEK STARTING APRIL 24

Song 200 AW

10 min: Local announcements. Demonstrate brief presentation of current magazines to be offered this week. Feature articles in each issue that may have the most appeal locally. Encourage sharing in field service this weekend.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Using the *Reasoning* Book to the Full." Questions and answers. Demonstrate the introduction featured in paragraph 3 and the suggestion for overcoming the potential conversation stopper mentioned in paragraph 4.

15 min: Local needs. Or talk on "Why Should We Fear God?" based on article in the January 1, 1989, *Watchtower*, pages 29-30.

Song 193 and concluding prayer.

Prepare for the Written Review

[1] *Our Kingdom Ministry* for December 1988 took note of the new arrangement for written reviews in the Theocratic Ministry School. These reviews will take place three times a year—at the end of April, August, and December. Although a little more individual effort will be required, increased benefits will be reaped by those participating. As the previous article mentioned, a printed review sheet with space for filling in the answers will no longer be provided for written reviews. However, printed questions will be included with the April, August, and December issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Having these sheets early will give each one the opportunity to research specific information so as to be thoroughly prepared.

[2] When looking up cited information on which the printed questions are based, do not mark or write on the question sheet, since you will use this sheet of questions for taking the written review. Remember that only the Bible is to be referred to during the written review. Your personal notes or other references are not to be used at that time.

[3] During the time allotted for the written review, you will need a separate sheet of paper for writing down your answers to the questions that call for an expression in your own words. Try to give specific information, and be brief. Since you will have prepared in advance, this should not be too difficult. When the answers are given by the school overseer, you will

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Escape (*Cont'd*)

in the field service for the first time until the elders have authorized his participation. If it appears to you that he meets the Scriptural and organizational requirements, let the presiding overseer know about his progress. If the elders meet with one of your Bible students in April and they authorize his participation in the field service, teach him how to make the *Watchtower* subscription offer, and start training him in the house-to-house ministry.—See *The Watchtower* of November 15, 1988, pages 16-17, paragraphs 7-10.

[7] Babylon the Great is headed for absolute destruction! Before that happens, we need to help honesthearted ones to escape her clutches and to come into Jehovah's organization. Millions have already been helped to do this. If it be Jehovah's will, many more can be helped to make their flight out of the midst of Babylon as he blesses our zealous effort to find and care for the honesthearted ones in our territory.—Jer. 50:8.

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Give Close Attention to Personal Organization

[1] "If you want a job done, give it to a busy person." The reasoning behind this saying is that a busy person is usually well organized and can therefore accomplish more. All of us have 24 hours to use each day. Whether we squander that time or we use it wisely often depends on our personal organization.

[2] There is always "plenty to do in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58) We have meetings to attend and the field ministry to share in. But preparation comes before these. In other words, we need to spend time studying so that we can effectively "make disciples" and incite others "to love and fine works," as we have been commanded to do. (Matt. 28:19; Heb. 10:24) The ordinary things of life, such as secular work, shopping, eating, cleaning, traveling, attending school, and sleeping, all have their place. Some time, too, may be spent in recreation. Fitting everything into its proper place presents a challenge we must meet. How can this be done?

ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES

[3] Jesus said: "Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you." (Matt. 6:33) Obviously, Kingdom interests should have the first priority when it comes to the use of our time. If we were to schedule our time the way we budget our money, the hours we set aside for Christian meetings, family Bible study, and such theocratic activities as the field ministry and personal study would not be used to pursue other interests.

[4] Into every schedule must go the necessary things of life. Time is set aside for doing secular work to support oneself and one's family. Eating and sleeping, as well as giving personal attention to the needs of one's family, must be included. High on the priority list of elders and ministerial servants is the time they spend preparing for and carrying out theocratic responsibilities. Why not sit down and make such a schedule, and see if there are nonessential items that are higher on your priority list than they should be?

KEEPING A SIMPLE EYE

[5] When Jesus was discussing the activity of his followers, he noted: "If, then, your eye is simple, your whole body will be bright." (Matt. 6:22) What would be involved in this? Basically it means keeping one's life uncomplicated. There are many distractions that can steal one's time. Television is one of these. In some homes, the television set is turned on in the morning and left on all day. A person may sit down to watch a program of short duration. But then he finds that time he had originally planned to use for personal study or with the family slips away as he continues watching other programs. How easy it is to waste an entire evening with nothing worthwhile being accomplished! Many do not know when to turn the TV off. If you have this problem, you may decide it is best not to turn the television on. Hobbies, a form of relaxation for some, may also end up taking away time that was set aside for more important matters.

[6] Engaging in sports activities, attending sports events, or watching them on TV can swallow up precious time. Husbands, wives, and children do well to see that they are not robbed of time they could use to study and associate together. All of us must be careful not to complicate our life with excesses in sports or recreation.

[7] A serious problem can result if we allow secular work to encroach on priority time. Some may find themselves so absorbed in their work or so concerned with the prospects of financial advantages that they no longer have a place in their schedule for meetings, the field ministry, or their family's spirituality. (Eph. 5:15, 16) It is good to ask ourselves, 'Who is it that would really take delight in my selling to secular interests time I have already dedicated to the worship of Jehovah God?'

WAYS TO USE TIME EFFECTIVELY

[8] Organizing one's life for the most effective use of time calls for having spiritual goals and a clear set of values. This is the key to setting daily priorities. Do not procrastinate. If you have set aside time to do a job, use it for that purpose. Set deadlines for yourself. Strive to study certain material in ample time to make use of it in the field ministry or at meetings. Do the same thing regarding everyday tasks around the home.

[9] Practice making use of time that would otherwise be lost. For example, when you must wait for others, use that time well by reading, writing letters, or accomplishing some other essential task. If you find yourself waiting in line, you may be able to strike up a conversation that will lead into giving a witness. Another essential for all is to get sufficient rest and

relaxation so as to stay healthy and alert. This will enable you to work more effectively. Illness brought on by a lack of necessary rest or sleep can keep you from giving proper attention to things of high priority in life.

IMPROVING PERSONAL ORGANIZATION

10 In the business world, much time and effort are spent just planning how to accomplish a given task. A good businessman finds it cost-effective to organize workers and material before producing a given product. He realizes that if the necessary workers and materials are not available when and where they are needed, much time and money can be lost and he will not realize a profit. We, however, have far more noble motives for organizing ourselves. These include our desire to maintain a fine relationship with Jehovah, be effective in making disciples, and reach our goal of everlasting life. It is necessary, therefore, to make sure that we have available to us the right tools at the right time.

11 For instance, we have five congregation meetings each week. The material for these meetings is based on several different publications. Are these publications readily available? Is the *Watchtower* issue we are studying that week set aside, or is time spent searching for it? And what about other needed publications, such as *Our Kingdom Ministry,* the songbook, a Bible, and the publication we are studying at the Congregation Book Study? It is good to have a designated place for these items and keep them there when they are not being used. In this way, we can quickly find the appropriate publications when we prepare for either field service or meetings.

12 Elders and ministerial servants especially need to be mindful of their personal organization. With so much to do, both secularly and in the congregation, "the more important things" can sometimes be forgotten or pushed to the side. (Phil. 1:10) Using the suggestion of maintaining a list of priorities can be truly beneficial. Have you tried this? One brother has such a list and reviews it before every meeting. In this way he accomplishes much and can see to it that the necessary work of the congregation is done.

13 Elders should have a good system for keeping track of congregation correspondence. Paperwork can sometimes be confusing and cumbersome if it is not organized properly. It is good, therefore, to take a few minutes regularly to sort out papers that need to be kept or passed on to someone else and to discard those that can be destroyed. If you have letters in your possession that need to be circulated to other elders, be sure to move them along quickly. Designating a place in your briefcase or perhaps putting correspondence in a separate envelope or folder can help you to keep track of letters and other material needing attention. In this way, important paperwork will not be lost or delayed.

ORGANIZATION—A SLAVE, NOT A MASTER

14 After reviewing your schedule, determine how much organization you need. We do not want to become fanatical perfectionists, overorganizing our personal lives to the point where there is no room for variation. Remember, we are all individuals and we each have a unique set of circumstances. Some of us are single, some married. What may work for one family may not work for another. Personal organization ought to take into consideration our individual and family circumstances. Exercise discernment and be flexible in line with Bible principles that will serve to guide you in having a successful schedule.—See *The Watchtower* of September 15, 1988, pages 28-30; *Awake!* of December 8, 1987, pages 24-7; and *Awake!* of December 22, 1965, pages 9-12.

15 In recent years, simplification through following principles of good order has brought about improved efficiency in the operation of Jehovah's earthly organization. Some may feel they have methods that work better for them personally. They would like the Society to encourage others to use such methods, but often these have been considered and discarded because they are not organizationally practical. In the interests of unity and efficiency, then, it is wise to follow the approved organizational procedures, using ways and methods that are understood and used by others who may be affected by your work.

16 Jehovah is a God of order and peace. (1 Cor. 14:33, 40) He has a set time to accomplish his will and purpose. (Acts 1:7) Through his Word, he has lovingly outlined what should concern us as imperfect humans. By means of direction from Jesus Christ through "the faithful and discreet slave," Jehovah provides helpful instructions on how to accomplish the most important work being done today. (Matt. 24:45-47; 28:19, 20; Eccl. 12:13) So by following Scriptural admonition found in the Society's publications, including the timely reminders set out in this insert, we can become better organized for fully accomplishing our ministry.—2 Tim. 4:5.

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW

Closed-book review on material covered in Theocratic Ministry School assignments for the weeks of January 2 to April 17, 1989. Use a separate sheet of paper to write down answers to as many of the questions as you can in the time allotted.

[Note: During the written review, only the Bible may be used to answer any question. References that follow the questions are for your personal research. Page and paragraph numbers may not appear on all references to *The Watchtower*.]

Answer each of the following statements True or False:

1. The third poem of Lamentations stresses Zion's hope in God's mercy and the propriety of waiting for salvation from Jehovah. [*si* p. 131 par. 10] T

2. Jehovah commissioned Ezekiel to serve as a prophet, whether his hearers would heed his prophetic message or not. [*si* p. 134 par. 9]

3. The mark on the forehead refers to having an intelligent comprehension of the truth. (Ezek. 9:4) [*w*88 9/15 p. 14 par. 18]

4. Ezekiel's being commanded not to display grief at his wife's death was to show that the Jews would be so stunned at Jerusalem's destruction that they would be expressionless. [*w*88 9/15 p. 21 par. 24]

5. Being in the spiritual paradise does not depend upon our own conduct. [*w*88 9/15 p. 24 pars. 10, 11]

6. Though higher critics of the Bible have called into question the historicalness of Daniel's book, other Scriptural testimony completely routs their assertions. [*w*88 12/1 p. 11 par. 5]

7. Ezekiel's visionary temple proves that pure worship will survive Gog's attack. (Ezek. 40–44) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 9/15 p. 26 par. 17.]

8. "Beth-aven" (meaning "House of Hurtfulness") was used in a derogatory sense for Bethel, which means "House of God." (Hos. 10:5) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 3/1.]

F 9. "Cows of Bashan" referred to the well-fed spiritual condition of Samaria's inhabitants. (Amos 4:1) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 4/1.]

T 10. The expression "cleanness of teeth" refers to a time of famine, teeth being clean because of there not being anything to eat. (Amos 4:6) [*w*89 4/1]

Answer the following questions:

11. Who is Gog of Magog? (Ezek. 38:2) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 9/15 p. 25 par. 14.] Satan the Devil

12. Who were the three prophets that were outstanding during the critical years from 617 to 607 B.C.E., which culminated in the destruction of Jerusalem? [*si* p. 133 par. 2] Daniel, Ezek, Jerem

13. What is symbolized by the water that flowed from the visionary temple? (Ezek. 47:1-11) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 9/15 p. 27 par. 20.] understand of truth increasing

14. Ezekiel 47:12 indicates that obedient mankind will enjoy what in the new world? [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 9/15 p. 27 par. 21.] healing

15. When Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream, to what conclusion did the king come? (Dan. 2:26, 28, 47) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 12/1 p. 12 par. 9.] Jeh could reveal secrets

16. Though already "standing," in what way does Jesus "stand up"? (Dan. 12:1) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*87 7/1 p. 19 par. 15.] stands up to save God people during tribulat

17. What do the names of Gomer's children indicate as to how Jehovah would deal with Israel? (Hos. 1:6, 9) [*si* p. 144 par. 9] some he would show mercy & others would n

Provide the word or phrase needed to complete each of the following statements:

18. It appears that the prophet Joel preceded the prophets Isaiah and Micah. [*si* p. 146 par. 3]

19. The Bible book of Lamentations expresses overwhelming grief at the siege, capture, and destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. [*si* p. 131 par. 7]

20. By means of the riddle in Ezekiel chapter 17, Jehovah illustrated the futility of Jerusalem's turning to World for help. [*si* p. 135 par. 17]

21. When interpreting the handwriting on the wall, Daniel set a splendid example of faith and courage for Anointed [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 12/1 p. 20 par. 19.]

22. In Ezekiel's final vision, he described the holy city with 12 gates, and the glorious name of that city was ______. [*w*88 9/15 p. 27 par. 23] Jeh himself is there

23. "The low plain of Jehoshaphat" symbolizes Harmagedon in "the day of Jehovah." (Joel 3:2, 14) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 3/15.]

24. Daniel went into captivity with the Jews taken captive in the year 617 BCE. [*si* p. 139 par. 8]

25. An angel explained that the 'prince of Persia' opposed his coming to Daniel but that Michael helped him. (Dan. 10:13) [*si* p. 141 par. 17]

Select the correct answer in each of the following statements:

26. In the book of Hosea, the name used interchangeably with "Israel" was (Ephraim; Judah; Jacob). [*si* p. 144 par. 8]

27. "The covenant" refers to the (Law covenant; new covenant; Abrahamic covenant). (Dan. 9:27) [Weekly Bible reading; see *kc* p. 65 par. 23.]

28. Those calling on Jehovah's name "will get away safe" when (they get baptized; they become regular proclaimers of Jehovah's name; God executes his judgment upon the nations). (Joel 2:32) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 3/15.]

29. Jehovah "felt regret" in that (he changed his mind about punishing the repentant Assyrians; he was sorry that they had to receive a severe judgment message; he lamented that his creation had turned out to be so wicked). (Jonah 3:10) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 4/15.]

30. Although the Bible mentions Belshazzar as the last king of Babylon, he was actually the coregent of (Nebuchadnezzar; Evil-merodach; Nabonidus). [*si* p. 140 par. 12]

Match the following scriptures to the statements listed below:

Ezek. 47:13–48:34; Dan. 3:16-18; Dan. 7: 13, 14; Hos. 5:1; Hos. 13:14

31. The apostate priests and kings of Israel became a trap and a net for the people by enticing them to engage in false worship. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 3/1.] Hos 5:1

32. In harmony with this Scriptural precedent, Jehovah's servants today do not bow before national symbols. [Weekly Bible reading; compare *w*88 12/1 p. 19 par. 17.] Dan 3:16-18

33. Jehovah would not spare the disobedient Israelites by rescuing them at that time from the power of Sheol, for they did not deserve mercy. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 3/1.] Hos 13:14

34. In Paradise, God will place people where he chooses. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 9/15 p. 27 par. 22.] Ezek 47:13-48

35. This prophecy points to Jehovah's anointed King, Jesus Christ. [Weekly Bible reading; see *kc* p. 142 pars. 4, 5.]

Dan 7:13,14

Announcements

- Literature offer for **April and May:** *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $5.00. *Awake!* subscription may be offered on same basis. Six-month subscriptions and one-year subscriptions to monthly editions are $2.50. **June:** *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for a contribution of $1.00. **July and August:** One of the following magazine-size brochures for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* and *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* Congregations that have the following books on hand may offer two for $1.00: *Choosing the Best Way of Life, Commentary on the Letter of James, God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good,* and *Is the Bible Really the Word of God?* (For obtaining credit, elders should refer to the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988.) Additional copies of *Commentary on James* may be ordered from the Society. Congregations should not order the other three books mentioned, since they are out of stock.
- District convention badge cards for 1989 in English and Spanish will be consigned and included with April literature shipments. It will not be necessary to order these. Based on the size of each congregation, consignments in lots of 25 will be made. The literature account will be billed at the rate of two cents per card. If additional badge cards are needed by the congregation, these should be ordered on a Literature Order form (S-14).
- Where practical, elders should make arrangements for congregation to share in evening witnessing as daylight hours increase.
- New Publications Available:

Sing Praises to Jehovah (Small size) —Croatian

True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It? —Fijian, Polish, Swahili

Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Maori

Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide —Polish

"Look! I Am Making All Things New" (Brochure) —Niuean

The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Niuean, Rarotongan

Watch Tower Publications Index 1986-1988 —English

Tract No. 13 —Ukrainian

Tract No. 15 —Arabic, Estonian, Ukrainian

Tract No. 16 —Arabic, Estonian, Ukrainian

- New Cassette Recordings Available:

Hosea through *Malachi* (set of three cassettes; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —English

Daniel (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —German

Joshua (set of two cassettes; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Italian

Daniel (set of two cassettes; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Spanish

Using Our Defenses to the Full

[1] Satan is attacking families today, doing his best to destroy them. Christians know this only too well. How sad it would be for children to become involved in sexual immorality, drunkenness, drug abuse, or other wrongdoing! Some have actually seen their sons or daughters drift away from Jehovah, being caught up in worldly thinking and desires. (Prov. 10:1; 17:21) At the same time, many young people have stayed clean and have kept themselves busy in Jehovah's service. Their course of conduct has brought honor to God and joy to their parents and others. (3 John 3, 4) What has made the difference? In many cases it was the determination of parents and children alike to use to the full the defenses provided.

[2] At the "Divine Justice" District Convention, attention was given to the defenses parents and youths need today. Some of these were dealt with in the symposium "Disciplining in Righteousness Within the Family Circle" and the talk "Moral Cleanness Is the Beauty of Youth." Do you remember this information, and have you applied it personally and in your family?

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

[3] An important defense is for fathers to understand fully Jehovah's requirements for the head of a household and to recognize the need to rely on Jehovah for direction. If a family head is to teach his family Bible principles, he must first know them himself. But just knowing is not enough. Application of these principles must be made if the family is to derive the full benefit from them. A dedicated father should lead the family in a spiritual program of prayer, study, and sacred service. (1 Tim. 5:8) If he is to expect his wife and children to respect his authority, he must demonstrate joyfulness in his obedience to God and His organization. (1 John 5:3) When a father imitates Jehovah by dealing with his family in a warm, loving, and consistent manner, he gains their respect, and they will be more inclined to follow his example. This will bring praise and honor to Jehovah.

[4] Do you remember the convention part "Parents—Adapt Instructions to Reach Your Children"? It included a demonstration showing a family studying an article from the February 15, 1987, issue of *The Watchtower*. The parents took into consideration each child and the level of his ability to learn. It was not a mechanical question-and-answer routine, but the parents aimed at reaching the hearts of their children with the truth. You sisters may particularly recall how the mother was most supportive of her husband, indicating submissiveness and thus setting a good example for the children. —Eph. 5:21-24.

CHILDREN—WHAT DOES JEHOVAH EXPECT OF YOU?

[5] Just as your parents are under attack by Satan, so are you. What is your defense? Obedience to Jehovah and to your parents. In the convention talks, fine suggestions were given to help you. Do you recall them? One point you may remember is that you cannot ride into the new world on your parents' coattails. In other words, you must make the truth your own. Your parents feed and support you. They have been doing so for years. But as you mature, it is expected that you will take on spiritual responsibilities. Jehovah expects you to do what you know is right. (Eccl. 11:9) If you have learned that Jehovah's way is right, then it is up to you to have the good sense to follow it.

[6] As you grow older, the challenge to remain morally clean becomes more persistent. There is a worldwide epidemic of unclean influence, and you are faced with it every day. Your defense lies in loving what is good and hating what is bad. (Ps. 52:3; 97:10) Associate with those who love Jehovah. Read what is upbuilding. Watch what is wholesome. (Phil. 4:8) If tempted, remember the outcome of the young man in want of heart. (Prov. 7:6-27) Be guided by Jehovah in your thoughts and actions, and you will remain safely on his side.

[7] Yes, parents and children alike must remain alert to the dangers that surround all of us. By using our defenses to the full, we can come off victorious in the fight and be privileged to praise Jehovah eternally.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Using the *Reasoning* Book to the Full

1 "How I wish I had my *Reasoning* book!" Has this thought crossed your mind while endeavoring to respond to a Scriptural question encountered in the field ministry or while witnessing informally at work or school? Those who have become familiar with the features of the *Reasoning* book and who carry it with them have found that they can count on it for help at the right time. What about you?

2 Since the *Reasoning* book was released in 1985, almost every issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* has provided excellent suggestions on its use. Can you recall some of the settings in past Service Meeting parts that highlighted the versatility and value of the *Reasoning* book? There have been demonstrations showing how it may be used by parents to help their family prepare for field service, an elder assisting a youth who may be attracted to the world, and stronger publishers assisting those who are in need of encouragement. (*km* 6/86 p. 2; *km* 7/86 p. 2) One article encouraged young ones to use the *Reasoning* book in preparing spiritually for school. (*km* 8/87 p. 2) Other articles have given practical suggestions on how to use it in each feature of our field ministry and how to adapt its use to varying circumstances, such as when working territories with high-security buildings.—*km* 4/86 p. 3; *km* 12/87 p. 8.

ARE WE USING IT TO THE FULL?

3 If we are to use the *Reasoning* book effectively, we must first become familiar with its contents. Then we must put forth the effort to use its suggestions. Have you tried adapting a suggested introduction to the current Topic for Conversation? If you use the second suggestion listed under "Kingdom" on page 12 of the *Reasoning* book and make brief reference to Revelation 21:3-5, you could then logically bring up the subject of our current Topic for Conversation, "Whom Shall We Worship?"

4 By using material from the section on "Conversation Stoppers," we can be more successful in overcoming initial objections. Why not give thought to how you might respond to a potential conversation stopper. For example, when a person says "I'm not interested," you could use the fourth suggestion on page 16, refer to Revelation 14:7, and then point out that this scripture awakened you to the need to identify and worship the true God. Try it. Others have had good success using expressions such as these.

5 Indeed, many are the blessings that can come from using the *Reasoning* book. If we set aside time to prepare fresh approaches and introductions that will appeal to our particular audience, we will be more enthusiastic about getting out into the field, even in territory that is frequently covered. (*km* 3/86 p. 4) Why not take the time needed to review some of the past articles that offered suggestions on how to use the *Reasoning* book effectively?—*km* 3/87 p. 4; *km* 10/88 p. 8.

6 May Jehovah bless your efforts to the full as you seek to open up to others "the magnificent things of God"! (Acts 2:11) Then they may join in saying to Jehovah, as did the psalmist David: "To me how precious your thoughts are!"—Ps. 139:17.

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above-mentioned *Watchtower* article?

5 Millions have already been gathered into the "great crowd" of "other sheep," and millions more continue to respond to the good news of the Kingdom. (Rev. 7:9; John 10:16) However, presentations that were successful in the past may no longer arouse interest in our territories. We need to be alert to the type, quality, and effectiveness of our presentations and to be ready to make necessary adjustments.

6 Addressing this subject, *The Watchtower* gave some interesting recommendations on how to improve our ministry. It suggested ways of giving a thorough witness when we have to deal with apathy, with people in often-worked territory, and with householders that complain. Are we applying these suggestions, adapting our presentations to the needs of the territory? Are we taking advantage of the tools available to us to do this? Following the suggestions offered will help us to become more personally involved in the ministry. As we deliberately incorporate what has been outlined, we are stimulated mentally and become absorbed in the ministry. Thus, our zeal is renewed and intensified.

7 In view of present world conditions, it is quite evident that the great tribulation is drawing closer. This underscores the urgency of our message and the need to shine as a 'light to the world.' (Matt. 5:14, 16) Let us be diligent in applying the suggestions we have received and thus intensify our zeal for the ministry.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Ecuador had a new peak of 13,576 publishers in November, a 10-percent increase over the same month a year ago. Bible studies were up 13 percent, with 26,463 being conducted.

◆ France reached a new peak of 105,307 publishers during November. Congregation publishers averaged 12.3 hours during the month.

◆ French Guiana, with a peak of 531 publishers, had 1,230 in attendance for their special assembly day series, and 18 were baptized.

◆ Guam rejoices in an all-time peak of 323 publishers for November. Their recent circuit assembly program saw a peak attendance of 518 with 9 baptized.

◆ Madagascar had a new peak of 3,069 publishers in October for a 10-percent increase.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?*:

April 3: Pages 239* to 246
April 10: Pages 247 to 251

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*:

April 17: Pages 6 to 8
April 24: Pages 9 to 11**

* To or from first subheading.
** To or from second subheading.

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know if the information you have written down is correct.

4 Everyone should prepare well for the Theocratic Ministry School each week. Pay close attention during the meeting, and try to pick out key points as information is presented from the platform. The school overseer will make sure that all points to be considered on the next written review are clearly stated.

5 This new arrangement should give added incentive to everyone to be present and to participate in this feature of the Theocratic Ministry School. The added research involved should help establish key points clearly in our minds. With this new arrangement, the objective of the Theocratic Ministry School will be more fully accomplished. This should be reflected in our being better equipped for the work of the ministry.

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	267	129.2	78.0	55.1	5.5
Pios.	62,110	81.6	34.8	27.7	2.7
Aux. Pios.	26,850	58.8	25.0	17.2	1.5
Pubs.	689,256	9.5	5.9	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	778,483				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,857

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 1-7

When offering the subscription, how can you use

1. Page 2 of *The Watchtower?*
2. Feature articles?

MAY 8-14

How would you offer the subscription

1. In street witnessing?
2. On return visits and Bible studies?
3. To workmates?

MAY 15-21

What do you plan to do with

1. Not-at-homes?
2. Expiration slips?
3. Tracts?

MAY 22-28

How do you cope with

1. Fear of man?
2. Indifference?
3. Rude rejection?

MAY 29–JUNE 4

How will you

1. Follow up subscription promises?
2. Offer the *True Peace* book?
3. Start a Bible study with offer?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Whom Shall We Worship?

Rev. 14:7—Worship the Creator.

Rev. 18:2a, 4—Heed God's warning.

Continue Saying, "Come!" to Those Inclined to Listen

[1] Jesus emphasized the need for people to listen attentively to the message of truth. (Matt. 11:15; 13: 9, 43) He knew it was important for them to get the sense of his teaching, since he was imparting knowledge that could lead appreciative listeners to eternal life.—John 17:3.

[2] Such life-giving knowledge is an important part of "life's water" that is now being made available to thirsting ones. (Rev. 22:17) As indicated by John's words, it is not the private possession of a favored few, nor is it sold to those who have money and denied to those who do not. All who now thirst for righteousness need to be encouraged to take advantage of Jehovah's generous free gift. (Isa. 55:1) Are you numbered among the millions today who are saying, "Come!" to those who are inclined to listen?

HOW YOU CAN SAY, "COME!"

[3] May is the second month of our *Watchtower* subscription campaign. What better instrument could there be for calling attention to Jehovah's wonderful provision for life? With special emphasis given to exposing the wicked designs of Babylon the Great, *The Watchtower* can help many gain freedom from religious superstitions and falsehoods. What opportunities do you find for offering the *Watchtower* subscription?

[4] A fine way to offer the subscription is from house to house. But there are also a number of other ways, such as when making return visits or delivering current issues to people on your magazine route. Some publishers are successful in obtaining subscriptions from interested people they meet in the street work. We could encourage some who are already subscribers to send gift subscriptions to friends or relatives. You may also want to send a few gift subscriptions. Subscriptions may also be offered to business acquaintances, fellow workers, or classmates. You may think of other possibilities.

KEEP ON SAYING, "COME!"

[5] Continue to show interest in helping those who subscribed during April. Be sure to call back soon. Make certain that they are receiving the magazines. On such visits, you can point out a specific article and encourage them to read it. Perhaps you can even start Bible studies with them and suggest they attend congregation meetings with you. By

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Help Young Ones Benefit From the Convention

[1] The invitation to the "Godly Devotion" District Convention goes out to every worshiper of Jehovah. Convention preparations have been made, keeping in mind the large number of young ones in our midst. Yes, young people, even "the little ones," are expected to attend. —Deut. 31:12.

[2] Parents should teach their children that the convention is for them too. Fine spiritual progress can be realized when children understand that their being present and their listening to the convention program is part of their worship. Admittedly, it is not always easy for young ones to remain seated, quiet, and attentive during the sessions. Also, some of the material presented may be difficult for them to understand. So constant attention and effort, yes, hard work, on the part of parents is vital.

[3] It is encouraging to observe the genuine interest in spiritual benefits manifested by young children and teenagers attending the convention. Although some enthusiasm may stem mostly from the opportunity to travel, the excitement of the crowds, eating out, and so forth, even very young children can be helped to appreciate the convention itself and gain spiritual benefits accordingly.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

[4] Children need to have their minds directed toward spiritual matters in anticipation of the convention. Before attending the convention, why not sit down with your children and review the information in the *Insight* book under the subject "Godly Devotion"? Undoubtedly it will help all in the family to benefit from the convention program.

[5] Many parents have reaped excellent results by equipping their children with their own Bible, songbook, and other literature. Instilling a proper view of the Bible and our literature will help control the tendency to play with the books by drawing or writing in them. Encourage children to take notes, and then

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 1

Song 71 JF

8 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Outline field service arrangements for weekend, and encourage family groups to participate in house-to-house ministry on first Sunday of May.

17 min: "Continue Saying, 'Come!' to Those Inclined to Listen." Questions and answers. Have selected local experiences related as time allows. Emphasize offering subscriptions for both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* on every appropriate occasion. Encourage publishers to make return visits without delay and to endeavor to start Bible studies with interested persons.

20 min: Hospital Information Services. To be handled by qualified elder. Read and discuss April 1, 1989, letter dealing with Hospital Committee work. Review points from article "Doing the Necessary Things to Please God," in the November 1987 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Reports show that some still have not spoken to their doctors as outlined therein. Ask: Have you completely filled out and signed and had others sign your Medical Document card? Emphasize that local elders have the responsibility of visiting and seeing to the needs of sick and hospitalized publishers. (1 Pet. 5:2; 1 Thess. 2:7, 8) Encourage all to become thoroughly familiar with information published in *The Watchtower* of March 1, 1989, pages 30-1, and *Awake!* of February 22, 1989, pages 26-7.

Song 216 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 8

Song 126 DC

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday. Demonstrate two or three brief magazine presentations that would be appropriate for local territory, each highlighting only one article.

20 min: "Help Young Ones Benefit From the Convention." Questions and answers. Use final eight minutes to discuss key points with group of three or four exemplary youths. How have they benefited from convention programs? How have their parents or others helped them to benefit? What do they do to avoid distractions during convention sessions? What have they enjoyed most at conventions? BB

15 min: Youths Who Kept Integrity. Encouraging talk highlighting *1989 Yearbook* experiences about the faith of youths in Austria. Include pages 111-12, 118-19, and 123-5.

Song 160 and concluding prayer.

RW
JM

WEEK STARTING MAY 15

Song 59 RG

8 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Commend congregation for material support given, and convey an expression of appreciation for contributions acknowledged by the Society. Outline field service arrangements for weekend, and encourage publishers to work with groups on Saturday and Sunday.

DW

20 min: "Getting God's Law 'Into Our Inward Parts.'" Question-and-answer session on first four paragraphs. Brother handling this part then invites two exemplary publishers to platform for three-way discussion of paragraphs 5-7. May solicit brief expression of appreciation for newer publications. Group may relate how they or others have benefited from personal study and research. JA

12 min: Local needs, or have capable Congregation Book Study conductor help group of two or three publishers adapt introduction appropriate for local territory to current Topic for Conversation. Use pages 9-15 of *Reasoning* book.

AW

5 min: Experiences. Have publishers relate two or three brief experiences about interest found during subscription campaign.

Song 92 and concluding prayer.

LA JA
ES

WEEK STARTING MAY 22

Song 18 RM

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage publishers to be out in field service this weekend. Demonstrate two 30- to 60-second magazine presentations that would be appropriate for local territory. Outline special field service arrangements for Monday, May 29.

ES

20 min: "You Are Invited to the 1989 'Godly Devotion' District Convention!" C~~ongregation secretary~~ will conduct a question-and-answer discussion of paragraphs 1-13 and review briefly "District Convention Reminders." When discussing paragraph 13, point out that arrangements are being made to have an adequate supply of any releases, and there will be sufficient food for all to enjoy refreshment without rushing to get in line. T

15 min: Daily Reminders for Building Spirituality. Qualified brother discusses with two or three exemplary publishers how individuals and family groups benefit from daily reminders such as daily text, yeartext, and information on calendar. We need reminders from Jehovah. (Ps. 119:2; Acts 17:11) Show how frequent reminders can encourage us and prove useful in the ministry.

Song 91 and concluding prayer.

JA LA
BB

WEEK STARTING MAY 29

Song 138 DS

8 min: Local announcements and Question Box. Encourage all publishers to be out in field service Saturday and Sunday. This will be first Sunday in June.

WB

12 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *True Peace* Book." Question-and-answer discussion of article.

25 min: "You Are Invited to the 1989 'Godly Devotion' District Convention!" Presiding ~~overseer discusses~~ paragraphs 14-31 with congregation. Emphasize individual and parental responsibility to avoid giving reason for unfavorable criticism of Jehovah's people. All should be concerned with avoiding any questionable conduct that would mar the good reputation of Jehovah's people and bring reproach upon his name. Assign qualified brother to read paragraphs 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 25, and 26 when these are discussed. Refer to the January 1989 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, and review key points in paragraphs 9 and 10. Emphasize items 5 through 10. Adhering to these instructions outlining the Society's rooming arrangements will help to guarantee quality accommodations at reasonable rates for all of us at future conventions. Jehovah's name will be honored as a result of the fine conduct of his name people. In conclusion, encourage family heads to review counsel in insert with family a day or two before attending convention.

Song 152 and concluding prayer.

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You Are Invited to the 1989 "Godly Devotion" District Convention!

[1] In just a few weeks, a worldwide, spiritually upbuilding program will begin, and you are invited! In the United States, the "Godly Devotion" District Conventions will commence on June 9 and are scheduled to run for nine consecutive weeks. There will be a total of 132 conventions, the largest number ever. Jehovah himself makes this provision through his organization, and so we can attend with high expectations that will not meet with disappointment.—Ps. 61:4; Isa. 54:13.

[2] The conventions this year will emphasize the need for godly devotion and will motivate us to make improvement in the exercise of this quality. This is especially important in view of the ungodly world that surrounds us.

[3] Through progressive training and discipline, Jehovah has made us a unique people, unified in an outstanding organization while in the midst of this irreverent generation. Our godly devotion is genuine and free from the hypocrisy that Paul described when he stated that in the last days, people would have a form of godly devotion but would prove false to its power. (2 Tim. 3:1, 5) May our cooperative spirit at all times reflect godly devotion, and may we always prove true to its power.—1 Cor. 14:40.

[4] **ARRIVE EARLY:** Jehovah's Witnesses are well known for their dependability and punctuality. (Luke 16:10) This is important when attending a convention. We should arrive early each day and be seated before the program begins. This requires allowing sufficient time to care for matters that need attention, such as parking our vehicle, finding suitable seats for our family, and obtaining convention food tickets.

[5] Convention time affords a fine opportunity to enjoy pleasant association. But visiting with friends late into the night can hinder our efforts to be on time the next day. Much anxiety and frustration can result from getting a late start and thus having to rush in the morning. To prevent this, some families find it beneficial to set a reasonable time for retiring. By strictly adhering to a schedule, they are more likely to get a good night's sleep and be ready for an early start the next day. This avoids their arriving while the program is in progress, which is distracting and can be an annoyance to those already seated. Our thoughtfulness in this regard can be a reflection of our reverence and respect for Jehovah, and it gives evidence of true godly devotion.

[6] **A THREE-DAY CONVENTION:** The "Godly Devotion" District Convention will last three days. Carefully selected information vital to our spiritual health will be presented at every session. A variety of subjects related to godly devotion will be developed in talks, demonstrations, and a modern-day drama.

[7] Make it your resolve not to miss even one session. This may require personal sacrifices and adjustments in your schedule. Some find it necessary to make special arrangements with their employer. Many even forgo financial advantages in order to attend all sessions. Jehovah will certainly bless those who make the matter a subject of sincere prayer and put forth heartfelt effort to be there.—Luke 13:24.

[8] **LISTEN INTENTLY:** During the convention program, do not be distracted by sights and sounds unrelated to the material being discussed from the platform. How grateful we are to Jehovah who gifted us with the ability to concentrate "intently" on thoughts of our choice. Our godly devotion should motivate us to make the choice that harmonizes with Jehovah's request at Isaiah 55:2: "Listen intently to me."

[9] While it is true that the Sunday afternoon lecture is advertised for the general public, most of the material to be presented at this convention has been prepared especially for those who are already devoted to Jehovah. The convention will bring us up-to-date with the current needs and help us to keep pace with Jehovah's progressive organization. Inattentiveness will result in our being left behind. We must keep ourselves absorbed in the program in order to derive full benefit from the rich spiritual nourishment. —1 Pet. 2:2.

[10] Over the years, many convention delegates have developed the useful habit of taking notes during the program. Appropriate note-taking materials should be included with Bibles and songbooks as standard equipment when attending a convention. Some may have viewed note-taking with skepticism, feeling that there is no real benefit in it. If you have been so inclined, why not try taking notes during the "Godly Devotion" Convention? As is true for many others, you may find that it is a good way to keep your attention riveted on what is being said and that it protects you from daydreaming or allowing your mind to wander.

[11] Notes need not be extensive or elaborate. Usually a phrase or two will suffice for a key point. Elders find it advantageous to have neatly arranged notes for conducting a meaningful review of the convention program on the Service Meeting. They may also incorporate many of the points presented at the convention in their teaching and shepherding work thereafter.

[12] All of us should give attention to how we listen, for it means our happiness and our very life. While attending the "Godly Devotion" District Convention, we should bear in mind Jehovah's exhortation at Proverbs 8:33-35: "Listen to discipline and become wise, and do not show any neglect. Happy is the man that is listening to me by keeping awake at my doors day by day, by watching at the posts of my entrances. For

the one finding me will certainly find life, and gets goodwill from Jehovah."

[13] **PRAYER AND SONG:** One of the most beautiful adornments of our godly devotion is the singing of praises to Jehovah God. The singing of songs appears to have been a regular feature of true Christianity in the first century. (1 Cor. 14:15) Jehovah is also pleased when his people approach him in earnest prayer. District conventions afford us a unique opportunity to be united with thousands of our brothers and sisters in praising Jehovah in both song and prayer. However, some have shown a lack of respect for these important parts of our worship. How? By unnecessarily arriving at the convention during or after the opening song and prayer. At the conclusion of the program, some leave their seats during the song and before the prayer. Why? On rare occasions there may be good reasons for this. However, some may relinquish the privilege of singing and joining in prayer just so they can get an early start to their cars. Others have left their seats in order to be among the first in line for literature releases or for food. Care must be exercised that in the pursuit of personal convenience, we do not allow the worldly me-first attitude or ungodly traits such as greed and selfishness to hamper our spiritual progress. As a people of godly devotion, we strive to manifest appropriate respect for such lofty features of our worship, namely, our praying and singing to Jehovah.

[14] **OUR CHRISTIAN MANNERS:** Over the years, our Christian manners and appearance at conventions have earned us a good reputation as Jehovah's Witnesses. This is because we rightly view our conventions as spiritual festivals, not social outings. Accordingly, we endeavor to demonstrate a spiritual frame of mind and to conduct ourselves as ministers.

[15] Note this fine experience enjoyed by a Witness family while dining at a restaurant in a convention city last summer. The brother wrote: "A man and his wife were at a table next to ours. When they finished their meal, the man approached our table, excused himself, and said he would like to commend us for our very neat and clean appearance. My wife told the man we were attending the Watchtower Convention this weekend. He said he was sure we were. He had seen many of our brothers and sisters around the motel while he and his wife were staying there, and all displayed exemplary conduct and dress. He said that in the church he attends, the young people do not dress or act like our young people. This makes me appreciate how important it is to rear our children from an early age to be a good Christian example at all times. Credit must be given to strong counsel and direction from Jehovah's organization to set a fine example."

[16] Sadly, some attending the conventions have become unduly casual in their attitude, dress, speech, and conduct. When such becomes evident either in the local congregation or during a convention, those who have spiritual qualifications should offer loving counsel with a view to readjustment. (Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:11, 12) Our godly devotion should move us to be diligent in upholding our good reputation and in maintaining high standards of conduct at all times.

[17] In view of the fact that we are getting very good motel rooms at significantly reduced rates, we should show our appreciation and be considerate of motel personnel, being courteous and not overly demanding. Much direction and counsel has been given regarding proper conduct at motels during the convention. Many have responded favorably and are earnestly striving to cooperate fully with motel personnel. Despite such cooperation, a negative attitude toward the Witnesses has been observed in some places. Why? Some of the following information will no doubt shock many, but in view of the problems caused by a few, it is necessary to bring these points to your attention.

[18] The articles "To Tip—Or Not" and "Tips on Tipping," on pages 24-7 of the June 22, 1986, issue of *Awake!* deserve our attention. Please reread these articles, as they specifically define who expect tips and how much, according to the custom in different countries. It is pointed out on page 24 that in the United States, for many who perform certain services for you, "tipping is more than a thank-you for extra service rendered. It is the principal part of a person's income." It also points out that "other people besides waiters—bellhop, doorman, concierge, hotel maid, cloakroom and washroom attendants . . . also depend on tips for their living." Ignoring this fact has reaped unfriendly reactions on the part of motel staff members. In some cases disgruntled individuals have falsely accused convention delegates of stealing or of making long-distance phone calls and then refusing to pay.

[19] Additionally, the above-mentioned *Awake!* articles suggest that when "attending a convention, what you do personally reflects on the whole group. People will judge the group by your behavior." So regardless of your personal views about tipping, when you visit a city as a delegate to a convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, if you tip just a little or not at all, others may conclude that Jehovah's Witnesses are stingy or unwilling to pay for services rendered. Thus, giving due consideration to local tipping practices and complying with them will go a long way in maintaining 'peace with all men' "for the sake of the good news." —Rom. 12:18; 1 Cor. 9:19-23.

[20] Although the vast majority of the brothers bring honor to God's name, we must admit that some families attending conventions have given reason for complaint. For example, after renting a room with the rated capacity of no more than four or five persons, including children, some have brought in up to ten persons, and that is dishonest. To accommodate them, mattresses were taken off the beds and placed on the floor so that some could sleep on the mattresses while others slept directly on the box springs. Then extra linen was requested from the management. In addition, sleeping bags were used for children to sleep in.

[21] There are motels that no longer want to rent their rooms to Jehovah's Witnesses because some did not comply with cooking regulations. There were reports of Witnesses bringing microwave ovens, electric pots, frying pans, and so forth, for cooking meals in their rooms. In some cases the use of such cooking utensils created electrical problems for the building due to current overload. Motel managers say that the food odor remained in the rooms for days, and as a result, subsequent guests refused to stay in the rooms.

[22] Another matter of concern is the fact that some have checked out of motels, leaving their rooms in an unsightly condition. Evidently, some who purchase food to eat in their rooms have been careless. Food residue has been found on the furniture, carpet, and walls. Large amounts of food garbage and paper trash, such as food containers, bags, and cups, have been left in the rooms. All such inconsiderate behavior has marred our good name and does not reflect our godly devotion. During the coming district conventions, let us all strive to conduct ourselves so as to "adorn the teaching of our Savior, God, in all things." —Titus 2:10.

[23] **FOR PARENTS:** Young children and teenagers are especially invited to attend the "Godly Devotion" District Convention. Much of the information presented will be particularly encouraging for them. How fine it is to see the godly devotion of young ones who have learned to pay close attention at all Christian meetings and who are intently interested in the convention program! (Ps. 148:12, 13) But much depends on the example and supervision of the parents. Many young ones have been well trained to take notes. If as a parent you have not as yet taught your children how to take notes, why not use the time remaining before your convention to do so? Even the very young can be encouraged to write down Scripture citations and related key words they hear expressed by the speakers. Some parents arrange to review main points from the day's program after returning to their place of lodging or while traveling home.

[24] Of course, most parents appreciate that the natural inclination of children is to be playful. They lack experience in life, and they are immature. Therefore, they have to be taught when to pay attention and how to conduct themselves at meetings. This calls for good supervision by their parents. Some parents have been lax in this area. At times, although parents may be showing proper reverence to Jehovah during a prayer, their children are playing and distracting others. Parents should know what their children are doing during prayers. What are they doing when they leave their seats during the program? Are children left unsupervised during or after the convention program?

[25] In some cases parents have left their children unsupervised in motel swimming pools while they are in the room, out to dinner, or involved in other activity. There are reports of children being so rowdy in the pool that the management had to close it early. This adversely affected the privileges of non-Witness guests also. In other instances, children remained in the pool well beyond closing time. Young ones have been left without proper adult supervision in the rooms to watch television but later have been found creating problems while playing with the elevators, running around in the lobby and corridors, and throwing buckets of ice down the corridors. Such unruliness and conduct unbefitting Christians is often the result of permissiveness and a lack of discipline in the home.

[26] One motel manager who observed such conduct was moved to write a letter to all of the Witnesses staying in his motel as follows: "Over the past evening or two, there have been many children running freely around the hotel and swimming pool area. . . . Also, there has been much property damage of the hotel facilities. Anyone found damaging hotel property will be arrested. Children . . . are not allowed to run freely about the hotel (for their protection). They must be escorted by their *parents*. Their escort may not be an older [fleshly] brother or sister." True godly devotion should motivate parents to give close supervision to their children at all times as they bring them up "in the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah."—Eph. 6:4.

[27] **YOUR FULL COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED:** Considerable planning and work have been done to see that sufficient seating, literature, food, and other provisions are available for everyone attending the convention. To ensure the effectiveness of these arrangements, each congregation has been specifically assigned to a particular convention. Your full cooperation is vital in order to prevent overcrowding. Of course, there may be circumstances that make it necessary for a few to attend a convention in another area. However, most should be able to attend the convention at their assigned location.—1 Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:4.

[28] Your full cooperation is requested in the matter of saving seats. Please keep in mind that SEATS MAY BE SAVED ONLY FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ANY WHO MAY BE TRAVELING WITH YOU IN YOUR OWN CAR. Please do not reserve seats for others. At times, extra seats are reserved for no one in particular. This is unloving and is misleading to the attendants and others looking for available seats. In harmony with the Bible counsel, we should complement our godly devotion with brotherly affection and cooperate fully with the approved arrangement for saving seats.—2 Pet. 1:5-8.

[29] It is suggested that good judgment be used in bringing personal items to the convention site. In the past, some have brought large coolers or other bulky items that could not be placed under their seats. These were placed in the aisle or on seats. This resulted in depriving others of a seat, and sometimes it violated fire and safety codes. We need to show consideration in such matters.

[30] The use of video cameras and audio recording equipment is permitted at the convention site. However, those who use such equipment must exercise care to avoid disturbing or distracting others. Such equipment should not be set up in aisles or exits. No such equipment should be connected to the public address system or electrical outlets. Floodlights will not be permitted. Those who are causing a distraction or ignoring any of the above guidelines should without hesitation correct the matter when it is brought to their attention. Attendants and others in charge will be alert to correct any violation of these guidelines, and they should receive full cooperation from those using such equipment.

[31] **OUR GODLY DEVOTION** will face severe tests in the near future. "In fact, all those desiring to live with godly devotion in association with Christ Jesus will also be persecuted." (2 Tim. 3:12) How grateful we are to Jehovah for spiritual provisions such as the "Godly Devotion" District Conventions, where he will be training us and "instructing us to repudiate ungodliness and worldly desires and to live with soundness of mind and righteousness and godly devotion amid this present system of things."—Titus 2:12.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention is very much appreciated. If you have not already confirmed a reservation, please do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. If you find it necessary to cancel your reservation, you should write or phone the motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible so that the room can be made available to someone else.

Congregation secretaries should be sure that Special Needs Room Request Forms have been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the special needs arrangement, you should immediately notify both the landlord or motel and the convention Rooming Department so that the room can be reassigned.

BABY STROLLERS: In many states, baby strollers may not be used in places of public assembly. Fire regulations prohibit parking them in corridors, aisles, or between rows of seats. Since larger crowds may cause congested conditions, baby strollers are potentially dangerous not only to the baby but also to any who may stumble over them, so please do not bring them to the convention site. However, infant or car seats are permissible, since these can be secured in seats next to the parents. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

BAPTISM: Baptismal candidates should endeavor to be in their seats in the designated section before the program begins on Saturday morning. A modest bathing suit and a towel should be brought by each one who plans to be baptized. After the baptism talk and prayer by the speaker, the session chairman will give brief instructions to baptismal candidates and then call for a song. Beginning with the last verse, the attendants will direct the baptismal candidates to the immersion site or to vehicles that will take them there, while the rest of the audience completes the singing of the song. Since baptism in symbol of one's dedication is an intimate and personal matter between the individual and Jehovah, there is no provision for so-called partner baptisms in which two or more baptismal candidates embrace or hold hands while being baptized.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers, as well as traveling overseers, will need to bring their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card (S-202) to the convention. Pioneers on the list for at least six months at the time of the district convention they attend will receive $15 worth of convention food tickets upon presentation of their Watchtower ID card at one convention only. Therefore, treat the card as carefully as you would cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Any gift releases or literature at pioneer rates will be available to pioneers at the bookroom only upon showing their Watchtower ID card. Those in Bethel service may obtain these same provisions by showing their Bethel ID card.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Volunteer help is needed for the smooth operation of a district convention. Even if you may be able to work for only a part of the convention, your services will be appreciated. If you can assist, please report to the Volunteer Service Department when you arrive at the convention. Children under 16 years of age can also contribute to the success of the convention, but they are required to work with a parent or other responsible adult.

LAPEL CARDS: Please *wear* the specially designed lapel card at the convention and while traveling to and from the convention site. This often makes it possible for us to give a fine witness while traveling. Lapel cards should be obtained through your congregation, as they will *not* be available at the conventions.

WORDS OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk, if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets, who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions. Please be careful.

It has been reported that some motels provide easy access to television movies with immoral content or even of pornographic nature. This highlights the need to avoid unsupervised TV watching by children at these places of lodging.

Announcements

- Literature offer for **May**: *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $5.00. *Awake!* subscription may be offered on same basis. Six-month subscriptions and one-year subscriptions to monthly editions are $2.50. **June**: *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for a contribution of $1.00. **July and August**: One of the following magazine-size brochures for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* Congregations that have the following books on hand may offer two for $1.00: *Choosing the Best Way of Life, Commentary on the Letter of James, God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good,* or *Is the Bible Really the Word of God?* (For obtaining credit, elders should check guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988.) Additional copies of *Commentary on James* may be ordered from the Society. Congregations should not order the other three books mentioned, since they are out of stock.
- It is important that brothers planning charters to visit Brooklyn Bethel or Watchtower Farms first correspond by mail with the office at each location. Please provide information on the number coming and the dates for each location. The Society will provide directions and the route charter buses should take. Address your mail to Watchtower, Bethel Office, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201, and Route 1, Box 300, Wallkill, NY 12589.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (Deluxe pocket edition; *DLbi25*), available in black or maroon —Spanish
  - *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* —Cebuano, Iloko, Indonesian, Tagalog
  - *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook* —Arabic
  - *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* —Niuean
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Kinyarwanda
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood* —Chinese
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Ezekiel* (set of five cassettes; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —Japanese
  - *Hosea* through *Malachi* (set of three cassettes; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —Spanish

Getting God's Law 'Into Our Inward Parts'

1 It was prophesied that Jesus would have Jehovah's law 'within his inward parts.' (Ps. 40:8) This proved to be true, and it helped him to accomplish his Father's will.

2 His anointed disciples likewise had Jehovah's law 'in their minds and written in their hearts.' (Heb. 8:10) This enabled them to maintain fine conduct and fully accomplish their ministry. How can all of us make sure that Jehovah's law is in our minds and written on the tablet of our hearts? —Prov. 3:3.

PERSONAL STUDY AND RESEARCH

3 Personal study of the Word of God can help us make the truth our own. Study involves research and meditation. It is a sustained, purposeful concentration with careful attention to details. Not only should we read the Society's publications as they are received but we should also discipline ourselves to have a regular study program that will prepare us for all our weekly meetings.

4 Good study habits strengthen our conviction respecting the truth and brighten our hope for the future. Yes, we "grow to salvation." (1 Pet. 2:2) When we learn interesting things from the Scriptures, we want to speak about them. We are thus moved to show love for our neighbors by speaking to them about the things we have learned. Our share in speaking "the word of the kingdom" with zeal is bound up with appreciation for spiritual things gained through good study habits.—Matt. 13:19.

AIDS TO STUDY

5 Jehovah's organization has provided us what we need to acquire an excellent knowledge of the truth. Are you making good use of the 1930-1985 *Index?* With this fine instrument and the various publications now available, what a treasure of accurate knowledge we have! Not to be overlooked are the *Insight* and *Revelation Climax* books. Are you effectively using these?

6 Getting the most from personal study will depend on how much we put into it. Within your daily circumstances, determine when and where you can find the needed quiet and solitude for concentration and meditation. Be sure to pray for Jehovah's help before beginning study. To act wisely in these critical times, we need to have the truth of God's Word inscribed deeply in our hearts and minds. (Prov. 7:1-3; Josh. 1:8) Jehovah uses his spirit to embed his law and reminders in our hearts. (John 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:10) He will not ignore a sincere request for help to find and understand the treasures of his Word.—Prov. 2:1-6.

7 We need to be regular and consistent in our study program in order to get God's law 'into our inward parts.' Thus we will develop greater spirituality, gain a much better understanding of the truth, improve our skills in helping others learn the truth, and maintain a more solid footing on "the path of life."—Ps. 16:11; Col. 2:7.

Help Young Ones (*Cont'd*)

review these with all the family in the evening. Also, it would be best not to bring toys, coloring books, and other playthings to the convention.

GIVE ATTENTION TO DISCIPLINE AND APPEARANCE

6 Some parents have allowed their children to become a disturbing element during the program. Even during prayers, some children play and distract others. Ask yourself, 'What are my children doing during the prayers? Should they be allowed to leave their seats during the program?' Concerned parents find it wise to sit close to their young ones. This enables them to exercise proper supervision so that they do not become a distraction to others. Even when parents have convention-related responsibilities, they should make every effort to sit with their children during the sessions. Children need the supervision of their *own parents* also during periods of recreation when away from the assembly place.

7 How do our young ones dress for conventions? If they wear casual clothes and playshoes, will this help them understand the seriousness of the occasion? On the other hand, children who dress appropriately for Christian meetings reflect the dignity and seriousness of the occasion. This brings praise and honor to Jehovah's name.

8 A serious frame of mind can be encouraged by arranging for the children to do some work after the sessions. As mentioned in the insert, children under 16 can work along with a parent or other responsible adult under the direction of the Volunteer Service Department. Many young ones consider this a beneficial aspect of the convention.

9 Perhaps by reflecting on these suggestions, parents as well as others can be alert to help young ones derive greater benefit from the convention.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the *True Peace* Book

[1] As we see developments leading to the fulfillment of the prophecy at 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3, we are determined to continue to be intensely occupied in warning men of what is impending. Accordingly, in our field ministry during June, we will feature the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* This fine publication deals with what people are thinking about and offers them a sound basis for hope.

WHY TIMELY

[2] Many people are wondering if current peace efforts of the superpowers will succeed or if their failure will throw the nations into a nuclear conflict. The *True Peace* book can comfort them with the knowledge that God will usher in lasting peace for mankind. His purpose for the earth does not allow for its destruction by men. Hunger, abject poverty, and homelessness are the daily lot of millions. The *True Peace* book points to the only real solution to the problems that plague the nations. Personal insecurity due to burgeoning crime makes many feel like hostages in their own homes. The *True Peace* book sheds Scriptural light on the remedy. Modern life-styles, including abuses and misuses of God-given sexual powers, have devastated the lives of countless individuals and families. The *True Peace* book points to God's standards and the protection afforded those who choose to live by them.

YOUR PRESENTATION

[3] "Source of True Peace and Security" will be the new Topic for Conversation beginning in June. The two scriptures to be used are 1 Thessalonians 5:3 and Micah 4:3, 4. You will find that several of the suggested introductions given on pages 9-15 of the *Reasoning* book can be adapted to this topic and to the needs in your local territory.

[4] In your conversations, use the two cited scriptures to show that man-made peace is not lasting but that God's peace is everlasting. After reading and commenting briefly on Micah 4:3, 4, you may be able to draw the householder into the conversation by asking what he thinks the fulfillment of that prophecy will mean for suffering mankind. Would he be happy to see this prophecy fulfilled in our time? Then you could turn to the illustration facing page 99 in the *True Peace* book, comment on it, and then call attention to one or two appropriate selected statements on the next few pages that point up the reliable hope of earth-wide peace and security. Invite the householder to investigate the subject further with the aid of the *True Peace* book. Of course, you may wish to call attention to another portion of the book in your discussion with a particular householder.

[5] If you do not have a supply of the *True Peace* book or if you should run short, feel free to use any other 192-page book available.

[6] True peace is not limited to the absence of armed conflict, since it includes health, safety, and general well-being. Only Jehovah, the "God of peace," and his Son Jesus Christ, the "Prince of Peace," can guarantee these eternal blessings to those who make peace with them. (1 Thess. 5:23; Isa. 9:6) We can help our neighbors to enjoy peace with God and his Son now and find comfort in the hope of earth-wide peace soon to be realized. We can do this if we keep our "feet shod with the equipment of the good news of peace," offering the *True Peace* book during June.—Eph. 6:15.

Continue Saying, "Come!" (*Cont'd*) your showing sincere interest in them, they may respond favorably and be moved to make spiritual progress.

[6] Memorial attendance figures for the United States show that more than one million people who are not yet publishers of the good news attend this most important event. Do you know who these interested people are in your congregation? Are they subscribers for *The Watchtower?* What is being done to help them grow spiritually?

[7] The invitation, "Come!" is extended to people of all the nations. Through his Son Jesus, Jehovah has graciously made available the gift of life to all who will respond to the invitation, "Come!" and "take life's water free." Will you have a full share in extending the invitation to others during May?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*:

May 1: Pages 11* to 14
May 8: Pages 15 to 17
May 15: Pages 18 to 21
May 22: Pages 22 to 27#
May 29: Pages 27# to 32

* To or from second subheading.

# To or from chapter heading.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Dominican Republic reported a new peak of 11,205 publishers in December. Bible studies were up 18 percent from last December to 20,067, and return visits were up 25 percent.**

◆ **Guyana saw an 8-percent increase over last year's average, with a peak of 1,468 publishers in December.**

◆ **Ireland reached their ninth consecutive publisher peak in December with 2,930 reporting. A peak of 298 regular pioneers was also reported.**

◆ **A new peak of 163,692 publishers was reached in Italy during December, a 5-percent increase over last year's average. Congregation publishers averaged 13.1 hours in the service.**

◆ **Martinique had a new peak of 2,649 publishers in December for a 9-percent increase, their fourth consecutive publisher peak. Their special assembly day was attended by 4,941, and 77 were baptized.**

◆ **Peru continued to see good growth as they reported a new peak of 29,187 publishers for December, an 11-percent increase over the same month a year ago. Congregation publishers averaged 14.8 hours in the field.**

Question Box

● Is it proper to write the Society or its branch offices for addresses of persons with whom you may wish to correspond on business or other personal matters?

All addresses in the Society's files and in congregation files are confidential and cannot be released for personal use. Therefore, no one should write to the Society or to its branch offices, requesting such information.

The congregation must keep in focus its purpose and work involving our whole-souled dedication to Jehovah and the doing of his will. Neither the Society nor the congregation can involve itself in the support or promotion of business activities. Such ventures should be viewed strictly as personal, private commercial enterprises. Publishers who wish to correspond with brothers in other cities and even in foreign countries should work such matters out for themselves.

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	235	123.3	74.8	52.3	5.5
Pios.	61,863	74.1	31.6	25.9	2.7
Aux. Pios.	22,776	55.2	23.1	16.9	1.6
Pubs.	696,729	8.8	5.4	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	781,603				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,060

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 5-11

Illustrations in the *True Peace* book

1. What points could you highlight on page 21?
2. With whom would you use page 13, and why?

JUNE 12-18

When talking to young ones

1. What chapters in the *True Peace* book do you highlight? Why?
2. Why is discretion necessary?

JUNE 19-25

How could you use persuasion

1. In your introductions?
2. When discussing pages 78 and 79 in the *True Peace* book?

JUNE 26–JULY 2

Making return visits

1. What subject in the *True Peace* book will you use?
2. If you placed magazines, what would you talk about?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Source of True Peace and Security.
1 Thess. 5:3—Man-made peace not lasting.
Mic. 4:3, 4—God's peace is everlasting.

Proclaim True Peace and Security

1 True peace and security can come from only one source, Jehovah God. Micah informs us that Jehovah "will certainly render judgment among many peoples, and set matters straight respecting mighty nations." The result? "They will not lift up sword, nation against nation, neither will they learn war anymore."—Mic. 4:3.

2 Since Jehovah is the only source of true peace, people need to "go up to the mountain of Jehovah" and be instructed about his ways in order to walk in his paths. (Mic. 4:2) They will learn that Jehovah God, by means of his Kingdom, will bring true peace to this earth. But how can we help more people to learn about the Source of true peace and security?

DISTRIBUTE *TRUE PEACE* BOOK

3 The *True Peace* book has timely information for people who want to "go up to the mountain of Jehovah." A doctor living in Finland received a copy of the *True Peace* book. At the time he did not read it but put it on the bookshelf. Later his wife remembered that they had the book and read it through. She was at once convinced that she had found the truth. She started to study and later was joined by her husband. They are now baptized, and their children also are publishers of the good news. This experience demonstrates the value of getting the *True Peace* book into as many homes as possible.

4 Our preparation for field service should include a review of the table of contents and the chapters of the book that we think will appeal to people. We can select specific points from the book to use in conversations with householders.

5 You might try the following suggestion. After reading and discussing the scriptures in the Topic for Conversation, call the householder's attention to page 8 in the *True Peace* book. If time permits, look up some of the cited scriptures to point out the difference between what God's Kingdom will do and what human leaders are incapable of doing. Then read paragraph 13. Thereafter, you might ask the householder if he would like to consider some of the points in the next chapter. In this way, a Bible study may be started right then. Otherwise, try to start a study when you make the return visit.

6 It is clear that imperfect man cannot bring true peace and security. In order to have a solid hope for the future, people must put their faith in God. But "how . . . will they put faith in him of whom they have not heard? How, in turn, will they hear without someone to preach?"

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Enjoying Theocratic Association

1 Jehovah's Witnesses refer to one another as "brother" and "sister." This denotes the close relationship that should exist among all servants of Jehovah God.

2 The term "brother" literally means "son of the same parents." Do you feel the bonds of a warm spiritual relationship with all of those who are dedicated servants of Jehovah? How can we further cultivate the kind of love that proves us to be a brother or a sister to our Christian associates?

AT MEETINGS

3 Jesus' disciples appreciated the importance of meeting together. (Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7, 8) We also treasure the privilege of warm Christian fellowship. (Rom. 16:3, 5) However, do the expressions we make at the meetings reveal that we are genuinely concerned about the spiritual well-being of our brothers and sisters? Through our comments at meetings, we can promote love and unselfish interest in the welfare of others. We want to encourage our brothers to be zealous in proclaiming the good news and to be exemplary in all aspects of daily living.—Heb. 10:24, 25.

4 There are many opportunities for theocratic association before and after the meetings. We should use this time to widen out in our association by welcoming newer ones and getting acquainted with as many as we can. Sharing field service experiences and other upbuilding conversation will contribute to the encouragement of others.—1 Thess. 5:11, 15.

WHOLESOME ASSOCIATION

5 One cannot walk with God while running in association with those of the wicked and sick society that approves of everything that God abhors. The Bible warns: "Bad associations spoil useful habits." (1 Cor. 15:33) Some in the congregation may

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

NOTE: *Our Kingdom Ministry* will schedule a Service Meeting for each week during the summer. Congregations may make adjustments as needed to allow for attending the district convention and then for a 30-minute review of the program highlights at the Service Meeting the following week. The day-by-day review may be assigned in advance to two or three qualified brothers who will be able to focus on key points. This well-prepared review will help the brothers remember key points for personal application and use in the field. Experiences used and comments from the audience should be brief and to the point.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 5

Song 137 AW

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Suggest field service points from latest magazines. Comment on how these magazines may be used in field service or when traveling to the district convention. Encourage all to share in field service this weekend, including second Saturday magazine day.

15 min: "Seize Every Opportunity to Witness—Part 1." Question-and-answer consideration. Encourage brothers to put into practice suggestions given and to make good use of tracts.

20 min: New Topic for Conversation. Discuss scriptures and how they support the points made. Review introductions on "War/Peace" in *Reasoning* book, page 14. Then present a well-rehearsed demonstration covering points mentioned in paragraph 5 of article "Proclaim True Peace and Security."

Song 139 and concluding prayer.

JM

AW

WEEK STARTING JUNE 12

Song 158 WB

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Commend brothers for material support of congregation and include Society's acknowledgments of contributions. Outline field service arrangements for this weekend. Discuss highlights of current magazines to be offered. KW

15 min: "Enjoying Theocratic Association." Question-and-answer discussion. Include appropriate expressions as to benefits derived from good associations. RJ

20 min: "Proclaim True Peace and Security." Question-and-answer discussion. Include comment on points brought up on page 8 of the *True Peace* book and any other points applicable to the congregation's territory.

Song 31 and concluding prayer.

ES

RJ

WEEK STARTING JUNE 19

Song 78 DS

10 min: Local announcements. Suggest talking points in current magazines, and demonstrate two brief, well-prepared presentations. Highlight *The Watchtower* in one and *Awake!* in the other. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday.

AC

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Persuasion." Question-and-answer coverage. After discussing article, have well-prepared publisher demonstrate how this might be done, using example in paragraph 4 or other practical subject.

15 min: Local needs or talk on article "Young People Ask . . . A Successful Courtship—Just How Important?" in February 22, 1989, *Awake!*

Song 197 and concluding prayer.

DC

DW

WEEK STARTING JUNE 26

Song 210 BB

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Announce arrangements for holiday witnessing. Consideration of day's text and comments.

15 min: "Give Support to the Circuit Overseer's Visit." Questions and answers. When discussing paragraph 2, interview presiding overseer relative to the preparation necessary for the circuit overseer's visit. Emphasize how the congregation can assist toward making the visit a successful one. Arrange for two or three personal comments from pioneers and publishers on how they have benefited from past visits. Build enthusiasm for next visit of circuit overseer. E

10 min: "Young People Ask . . . How Can I Use My Money Wisely?" Qualified brother discusses with two or three young persons the highlights of January 22, 1989, *Awake!* article. Offer some practical suggestions on how youths can use their finances to advance Kingdom interests.

10 min: "The Responsibility of Discipleship." Talk based on January 1, 1989, *Watchtower* article. Encourage all to share in weekend field service arrangements.

Song 16 and concluding prayer.

Enjoying *(Cont'd)*

be inclined to invite worldly acquaintances and unbelieving relatives who have no interest in the truth to social gatherings, thinking that this will encourage them to accept the truth. However, is this wise and in harmony with the Scriptures?

6 We have been counseled to be cautious in our dealings with men of the nations, unbelievers, and ordinary persons. (See the November 15, 1988, issue of *The Watchtower*, pages 15-16.) Why should we have unnecessary social contact with people who still pursue worldly ways and who have not become worshipers of Jehovah? (2 Cor. 6:14, 15) Some who are negligent spiritually may seek out others who also hold on to worldly thinking and ways instead of seeking association with mature Christians who could help them become strong in the faith. They fail to appreciate that attendance at social gatherings with worldly, unprincipled people can weaken their faith and corrupt them.—Compare 2 Thessalonians 3:14, 15.

7 Everyone wanting to practice the truth should search out associates who are devoted to Jehovah and who will help him to walk in the truth and contribute to his progress in serving God. Our friends and associates can have a profound effect on us. Therefore, how wise it is to seek out the company of godly persons who maintain a close relationship with Jehovah!

Proclaim *(Cont'd)*

(Rom. 10:14) Time is running out for people to have the opportunity to turn to the real Source of true peace and security. May we do what we can during the month of June to proclaim the message of true peace to the many honesthearted ones in the congregation's territory.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*:

June 5: Pages 33 to 37#
June 12: Pages 37# to 43*
June 19: Pages 43* to 47#
June 26: Pages 47# to 54#

* To or from subheading.
# To or from chapter heading.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **June**: *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for a contribution of $1.00. **July and August**: One of the following 32-page, magazine-size brochures may be offered for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* and *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* As an alternate offer, congregations having a supply of any of the following publications may offer two for $1.00: *Choosing the Best Way of Life, Commentary on the Letter of James, God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good,* and *Is the Bible Really the Word of God?* Additional copies of *Commentary on James* may be ordered from the Society. Congregations should not order the other three books mentioned, since they are out of stock. Use only those books that are available locally. (For obtaining credit, see the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988, to all bodies of elders.) **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size books are $1.50.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- Since the convention this year will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the regular Congregation Book Study will be conducted during the convention week.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Happiness—How to Find It* —Romanian
  - *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* —Romanian
  - *Listening to the Great Teacher* —Romanian
  - *Reasoning From the Scriptures* —Arabic
  - *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* —Chinese
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Indonesian
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1986* —Portuguese
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Ezekiel* (set of five cassettes; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —German
  - *Listening to the Great Teacher* (set of five tapes and a book in an album; congregation and public: $11.25; pioneers: $9.50) —Danish, Swedish

Give Support to the Circuit Overseer's Visit

[1] From October 15, 1946, onward, congregations have been organized into circuits that are served by full-time traveling overseers. For almost 43 years now, both individuals and congregations have benefited from this theocratic provision. (Isa. 1:26) Our continued support of this arrangement will bring us many more rich blessings.—Eph. 4:7, 8, 11.

PREPARING FOR THE VISIT

[2] Once the visit of the circuit overseer has been announced, we can begin to prepare for it. We can make plans to adjust our normal schedule so as to support fully the week of special activity. Some publishers arrange to spend more time in the field ministry by auxiliary pioneering. Others may take a day or two off from their secular work to share in the ministry. Many publishers make special appointments to work with the traveling overseer in some feature of the ministry. Wholehearted support for the field ministry on this occasion brings many rewards.

[3] Reports received from the traveling overseers indicate that there can be better support for afternoon return visit and Bible study activity. Could you schedule return visits or a Bible study for an afternoon during this week? The circuit overseer will gladly accompany you, and if you like, he would also be pleased to conduct your study.

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

[4] High on the circuit overseer's list of priorities is the need to provide additional training for anyone who may be reaching out for greater privileges of service. (1 Tim. 3:1) Do you have questions about your specific assignments or responsibilities? Would you like to improve your ability and personal organization? Are you interested in Bethel service, Gilead, or the Ministerial Training School? Would you like to serve where the need is greater, either within your circuit or elsewhere in the United States? Whatever your spiritual goals may be, the circuit overseer will gladly discuss them with you.

[5] If your circuit overseer is married, his wife is likewise a devoted servant of Jehovah. Very likely she is a pioneer and will be in a position to give full support to field service arrangements. Because of her experience and regular participation in the ministry in diverse territories, she becomes skilled in the preaching work. She makes herself available to work mainly with other sisters in the house-to-house service and accompany them on return visits and home Bible studies. She deserves the same warm commendation that Paul gave concerning Phoebe.—Rom. 16:1, 2.

[6] Not to be overlooked is the privilege we have of showing hospitality to the traveling overseer and his wife, if he is married. Many are the brothers who treasure the memories as well as the encouragement they have received because of opening their homes or sharing a meal with these traveling ministers and enjoying pleasant spiritual association with them.—3 John 5-8.

[7] Regular visits by spiritually mature traveling overseers continue to help Jehovah's people. The degree to which we can benefit individually from this arrangement depends on the extent to which we prepare for and support the circuit overseer's visit. May all of us be determined to give full support to the next visit of our circuit overseer.

Seize Every Opportunity to Witness —Part 1

[1] When writing to the Hebrew Christians, the apostle Paul exhorted: "Let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to his name." (Heb. 13:15) One way we can do this is by regularly supporting our congregation's field service arrangements. Another effective way of offering to God a sacrifice of praise is by seizing opportunities to give an informal witness.

[2] During the course of our daily activity, most of us come into contact with other people. If we are alert to recognize the opportunities and then make the effort, we should be able to sow many seeds of Kingdom truth through informal witnessing. It may require no more than a brief comment or a question about world conditions or local concerns to spark a conversation that will open the way for giving a witness. Depending on the circumstances and the reaction of the person, we may even be able to offer literature.

BE PREPARED

[3] Successful informal witnessing requires advance preparation. Are

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Persuasion

1 Is it appropriate for ministers of the good news to persuade people to accept the truth? It certainly is! (Acts 18:4) The apostle Paul reminded Timothy that he had been persuaded to become a believer by his mother and grandmother. (2 Tim. 3:14) To persuade someone means to move him by entreaty, to reason earnestly with him concerning a belief, a position, or a course of action.

2 The apostle Paul made good use of the art of persuasion. While he was in Athens, "his spirit within him came to be irritated at beholding that the city was full of idols." (Acts 17:16) However, when he stood in the midst of the Areopagus, Paul did not bluntly tell those present that their worship of idols was in vain. Skillfully avoiding a harsh emotional confrontation, he called their attention to "an altar on which had been inscribed 'To an Unknown God.'" He thereafter gave a forceful witness, with fine results.—Acts 17:23, 28, 29, 34.

BE DISCERNING

3 Paul clearly demonstrated that persuasion requires more than just an emotional presentation or an abundance of words. We must have insight and be discerning about the feelings, beliefs, and interests of the people to whom we speak. We need to be alert and quick to recognize when the householder's emotions may be the real barrier to an open-minded consideration of Bible teachings.—Prov. 16:23.

4 For example, a person may believe in the immortality of the soul because of sentimental attachment to the memory of a deceased loved one. What would be the persuasive way to help him with the truth? Instead of directly telling him that he is wrong in his belief and that the soul dies, would it not be better to use persuasion to penetrate the emotional barrier he may have and reason with him? We could tell him that we understand his feelings because we too have lost loved ones in death. We have found comfort in the promise of the resurrection, a time when we will be reunited with lost loved ones and once again enjoy their company. Then appropriate scriptures could be read and discussed. If we are discerning and season our speech with salt, we can be persuasive in presenting the good news.—Prov. 16:21; Col. 4:6.

USE ILLUSTRATIONS

5 Illustrations can be effective in persuading people to adjust their thinking. A noteworthy example is the discreet way that Nathan reached King David's heart. (2 Sam. 12:1-14) Well-chosen illustrations couple intellectual appeal with emotional impact. They make it easier for people to grasp new thoughts. For example, the earth could be likened to a home and people to tenants. If the tenants fail to take good care of a home, the owner will not destroy the home, but he will evict the tenants. Hence, God will not destroy the earth, but he will remove the bad people.—Isa. 45:18.

6 Persuasion has its limitations. If people do not want to believe or make changes in their lives, they will remain as they are. (Matt. 13:14, 15) However, there are still many honesthearted people in the world who can be reached with the message of the Kingdom. To help them, we should make every reasonable effort to develop and use the art of persuasion in our ministry.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Austria reached a new peak of 17,949 publishers in January, a 4-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Barbados had a new peak of 1,656 publishers in January.**

◆ **A new peak of 113,547 publishers was reported in Britain during January, a 5-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Colombia continues to see fine increase with new peaks of 39,022 publishers and 3,069 regular pioneers. There was a peak of 63,539 Bible studies conducted.**

◆ **Mauritius had a new peak of 811 publishers in January.**

◆ **Trinidad reported a new peak of 5,324 publishers in January.**

◆ **Vanuatu reported a 21-percent increase in January with a new peak of 102 publishers.**

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	264	129.0	79.0	57.5	5.6
Pios.	61,810	83.5	34.9	29.2	2.8
Aux. Pios.	40,691	59.1	25.3	17.4	1.5
Pubs.	692,122	9.8	5.9	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	794,887				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,075

Seize *(Cont'd)*

we willing to put forth that effort? If we analyze what we will be doing during the course of a day, think about the people we may come in contact with, and consider what we might say to initiate a conversation, we should be mentally prepared and find it much easier to witness informally. Be sure to have tracts, magazines, or other literature on hand that you can offer to responsive ones. What about a Bible? The pocket-size Bible fits easily in a purse or a coat pocket and can be used when the opportunity presents itself. Is there something else we can do in order to be well-prepared?

4 We should keep informed as to current events that relate to Bible prophecy and be prepared to introduce Bible topics for conversation that would appeal to truth-hungry people today. The "Watching the World" and "Insight on the News" features in our magazines are valuable aids in this regard. If we have such news items in mind, we can be confident in introducing a subject with broad appeal.

TAKE THE INITIATIVE

5 Just about any occasion when we come into contact with other people offers the opportunity to give a witness. Even publishers who are hospitalized have taken advantage of their situation and have been effective in speaking about the truth to doctors, nurses, hospital staff, visitors, and other patients. Other publishers use their lunch break at work or at school and time spent waiting for an appointment. Opportunities to give a witness may come while shopping, when on vacation, or when traveling by bus, plane, or train. Some publishers are effective at informal witnessing in their own home when salesmen, deliverymen, neighbors, relatives, and others call on them.—See *1970 Yearbook,* pages 97-8, 231-2, and 263-4.

6 The "Godly Devotion" District Conventions present us with fine opportunities to do informal witnessing. Lapel badges often prompt people to ask us who we are and where we are going. Of course, we can initiate the conversation by telling people that we are delegates to a convention and explain why we are attending. When we stop for gas, eat in restaurants, stay in motels, go shopping, or merely take a stroll, we should look for appropriate ways to witness informally.—Eccl. 11:6.

7 Heartfelt appreciation for the truth and an awareness of the urgency of our times should motivate us to seize every opportunity to share with others the wonderful message of hope that we have. May we continue to take advantage of every opportunity to sow seeds of Kingdom truth through informal witnessing. —Matt. 24:14.

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JULY 3-9

Current Topic for Conversation

1. Review the main points.
2. What introductions from the *Reasoning* book can you use?
3. How will you make transition to offer?

JULY 10-16

When offering brochures

1. Why have more than one brochure available?
2. What specific points will you highlight?
3. How can the groundwork be laid for a Bible study?

JULY 17-23

When witnessing with your child

1. Why include him in the discussion?
2. What can he do to have a meaningful share?
3. Why would it be good to offer him counsel afterward?

JULY 24-30

How may we respond when people say: (See *Reasoning* book, pages 16-20.)

1. 'I have my own religion'?
2. 'I'm busy'?
3. 'I'm not interested'?

JULY 31–AUGUST 6

House-to-house records

1. Why keep two?
2. Why keep them neat? How?
3. Why teach children how to use them?

804,518 TOTAL PUBLISHERS FOR APRIL—A NEW PEAK! Exceptional Number of 120,979 Auxiliary Pioneers!

Jehovah's people have shown that they are 'hearing' and 'observing' what is written in the prophecy of Revelation. (Rev. 1:3) Their zealous efforts in helping others see the urgency of our times are evident in the all-time peaks experienced in April 1989. What are some of these peaks?

Total Publishers: 804,518. This is almost 24,000 more than we had in April 1988 and 7,414 more than our previous peak in August 1988.

Total Hours: 18,673,721. How encouraging that nearly 1,700,000 more hours were devoted to Kingdom activity than in April of last year!

Return Visits: 5,767,946. An increase of 5.5 percent or 302,130 more return visits than in April 1987, which was the month of our previous peak.

Home Bible Studies: 573,244. This is 3,150 more than we had last April, our previous all-time peak month.

Auxiliary Pioneers: 120,979. What an outstanding peak, reflecting the efforts being put forth to herald the Kingdom hope! This is a 20-percent increase over our previous peak.

We are confident that Jehovah and his Son, Christ Jesus, are pleased as we extend ourselves in Kingdom service during "the Lord's day." (Rev. 1:10) May we help thousands more to become part of the "great crowd" as the increase continues in these momentous days.—Rev. 7:9.

Serving With a Complete Heart

1 David set a fine example of serving Jehovah with a complete heart. His lead had a profound effect upon the entire nation of Israel. It was with a complete heart that they too made voluntary offerings for the building of Jehovah's temple. —1 Chron. 29:9.

2 Why is serving Jehovah with a complete heart so important now, just as it was in ancient Israel? Simply stated, Jehovah favors those who serve him with a complete heart. —2 Chron. 16:9.

SUPPORT KINGDOM WORK

3 We can serve with a complete heart today by supporting the work of Kingdom preaching. (Matt. 24:14) Giving financial support to this work is important, but using our strength, time, abilities, and power of speech in spreading the good news to others is of even greater value. (2 Cor. 9:7) Are you experiencing the joy that comes from serving with a complete heart?

4 During July we are encouraged to make heartfelt appeals to righteously disposed people as we talk about the Source of true peace and security and present one of the brochures included in our literature offer. In this way, we can show that our heart is complete toward Jehovah and direct meek ones to the real Source of peace.

COULD YOU PIONEER SOON?

5 Can you take advantage of the additional daylight hours to increase your field service time? July may be an excellent month for you to increase your activity in the field so as to qualify for pioneer service.

6 Now that summer is here, many are building up their field service with a view to becoming regular pioneers at the beginning of the new service year in September. If you would like to do that and pioneer service is within your reach, go to Jehovah in prayer and ask for his help and direction. (Prov. 16:3) Talk to the elders about your prospects for regular pioneer

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Meetings Benefit Our Children

1 In the nation of Israel, even little children were included in meetings for worship. (Deut. 31:12) Likewise today, the congregation meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses benefit the children.—Ps. 148:1, 12.

2 Of course, children may be easily distracted. They need to be taught to listen attentively to what is said. They also need help in understanding some of the material presented.

PREPARE FOR MEETINGS

3 Proper training at home will help children to appreciate the privilege of assembling with others to worship Jehovah. They should be helped to understand that obedience in this regard brings benefits. Even very young ones can be helped to understand that Christian meetings are for them too.—Ps. 133:1; Isa. 48:17; Matt. 19:14.

4 It is helpful if children have their own Bible, songbook, and other study literature to use during the meetings. Parents should help younger ones prepare at least a part of the lesson for each meeting. (Heb. 10:23) This can be done in harmony with the child's ability to understand and participate in the meetings.

5 Some children are benefited by having special assignments during

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JULY 3

Song 43

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage those who are thinking about becoming regular pioneers in September to fill out application and submit it to the elders for review 30 days in advance, if possible. Briefly demonstrate presentation of current magazines, and encourage all to share in magazine witnessing on second Saturday.

20 min: "Serving With a Complete Heart." Talk and discussion of article with questions. Include demonstration of July brochure offer when discussing paragraph 4.

15 min: Discussion with audience of questions from article "Do You Remember?" in April 15, 1989, *Watchtower*.

Song 128 and concluding prayer.

Review

WEEK STARTING JULY 10

Song 151

~~10 min~~: Local announcements and accounts report. Donation acknowledgments.

20 min: "Seize Every Opportunity to Witness—Part 2." Question-and-answer consideration of article. When covering paragraph 4, include local experiences and a brief demonstration of informal witnessing.

~~15~~ **min:** Talk based on "Independence," pages 187-91 of the *Reasoning* book. Highlight our dependence on Jehovah and the disastrous consequences of following an independent course. Adapt to needs of the congregation.

Song 63 and concluding prayer.

WB

WEEK STARTING JULY 17

Song 183

10 **10 min:** Local announcements. Theocratic News. Review highlights of April service report. Commend congregation on local accomplishments in the field. Encourage all to share in magazine work on fourth Saturday of month.

~~20~~ **min:** "Meetings Benefit Our Children." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Use a few minutes at end of part to interview exemplary parents and children who have applied the suggestions in the article. Draw parents out on how they got started helping the children to prepare for meetings, what they presently do to help them, and the personal benefits that they have experienced as a result.

15 min: Local needs, or talk on "Appreciation for Our Brothers," based on article in October 1, 1988, issue of *The Watchtower*. 7-3 20 MIN

Song 65 and concluding prayer.

PO=P

WEEK STARTING JULY 24

Song 130 PC JA+ES

5 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements.

10 min: Service overseer discusses meetings for service. Consider the fact that these meetings should be brief and primarily for the purpose of organizing groups. What preparation is required? What can publishers do to contribute to the effectiveness of the meetings? Briefly review Question Box in *Our Kingdom Ministry* of February 1989, the article "More Meaningful Meetings for Service" in *Our Kingdom Service* of January 1979, and the Question Box in *Kingdom Ministry* of June 1967. BB

10 min: "Keep Watching How You Walk." Encourage all in congregation to make plans to attend the circuit assembly. Discuss helping the elderly and the infirm in your congregation who need assistance. Make practical suggestions.

20 min: Christian Women AW Respected and Respectful Members of the Congregation. Talk by elder from *Reasoning* book, pages 431-5. Commend sisters for living up to the role outlined for them in the Bible.

Song 82 and concluding prayer.

DB=P

WEEK STARTING JULY 31

Song 192 7-10 20 MIN LA BB+KW

~~8~~ **min:** Local announcements. Discuss talking points from current magazines. Conclude with encouragement for congregation to support first Sunday of the month field service arrangements.

~~15~~ **min:** 10 Rew "Presenting the Good News—Using the House-to-House Record." Questions and answers. Read paragraphs as time permits. Outline proper use of house-to-house records for both not-at-homes and return visits. Review with audience information that should be placed on the records, and explain why. Emphasize keeping a record of not-at-homes even in seldom-worked territory. Remind all to have house-to-house records with them while in field service.

12 min: Starting Bible Studies AW With Brochures. Discussion. It is not enough to place brochures. Bible studies must be conducted to fulfill our objective of making disciples. Show audience how studies can be started using brochures. (See August 1986 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* page 8.) Demonstrate starting studies with brochures. Interview publishers who have had success starting studies with brochures. Or relate experiences found in the *1986 Yearbook,* pages 11-13, and *1987 Yearbook,* page 48. Emphasize the positive approach of publishers and the good results they have experienced. WB

10 min: Learning From Pictures on Theocratic Calendar. Talk. Use July 1, 1989, *Watchtower* article "'Woe to You, Chorazin!'—Why?" along with 1989 calendar to highlight benefit of using corresponding calendar picture when reading article. Remind brothers of corresponding articles in the January 1, March 1, and May 1, 1989, issues of *The Watchtower*. Soon we will be ordering calendar for 1990, which will feature additional instructive pictures from Bible lands.

Song 32 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!:*

July 3: Pages 54# to 58#
July 10: Pages 58# to 62
July 17: Pages 63 to 68*
July 24: Pages 68* to 73
July 31: Pages 74 to 79

# To or from chapter heading.
* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Source of True Peace and Security.

1 Thess. 5:3—Man-made peace not lasting.

Mic. 4:3, 4—God's peace is everlasting.

Complete Heart *(Cont'd)*

service. If you see that your circumstances would allow you to become a regular pioneer, be sure to turn in your application at least 30 days before you wish to begin.

7 Young or old, may all of us show that we are serving Jehovah with a complete heart. We must never let our heart become divided. (Mark 12:30) Our zealous support of the Kingdom-preaching work will aid us in maintaining a complete heart toward Jehovah.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **July and August**: One of the following 32-page, magazine-size brochures may be offered for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* As an alternate offer, congregations having a supply of any of the following publications may offer two for $1.00: *Choosing the Best Way of Life, Commentary on the Letter of James, God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good,* or *Is the Bible Really the Word of God?* Additional copies of *Commentary on James* may be ordered from the Society. Congregations should not order the other three books mentioned, since they are out of stock. Use only those books that are available locally. (For obtaining credit, see the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988, to all bodies of elders.) **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size books are $1.50. **October**: Subscription to either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or to both. One-year subscriptions are $5.00 each. Six-month subscriptions and one-year subscriptions to monthly magazines are $2.50. There are no six-month subscriptions to monthly editions.
- Anyone making plans to begin regular pioneer service on September 1, 1989, should fill out an application promptly and submit it to the elders for review. After the application is approved and signed by the Congregation Service Committee, it should be mailed to the Society by the early part of August. By forwarding approved applications early, requests for retroactive appointments can be avoided.—See August 1986 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, paragraphs 21-26.
- An adequate supply of forms for use during the 1990 service year is being sent to each congregation. These forms should not be wasted. They should be used only for their intended purpose.
- A supply of Medical Document and Identity Cards is being shipped to the congregations along with the yearly supply of congregation forms. These cards *are not to be given out immediately* upon their receipt but *should be held until further direction* is given on issuing them to the brothers at the end of the calendar year. Publisher identification cards (S-65) may be issued according to what was stated in the February 1989 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* page 4.
- Beginning in September, circuit overseers will give the public talk "How to Conquer Evil With Good."

Seize Every Opportunity to Witness—Part 2

[1] Hundreds of thousands of people have become acquainted with the truth through informal witnessing. If this means of witnessing is fully utilized, millions more will be reached with the message of the good news. As Jehovah's servants, we must let our light shine continually. How can we personally do this more fully?—Matt. 5:15, 16; Phil. 2:15.

[2] There are various ways that we can create opportunities to give an informal witness. During a lunch break, while waiting in an office, or when using public transportation, some brothers make it a practice to read the Bible or one of the Society's magazines or books. By being alert to the reaction or any interest shown by those seated nearby, a conversation may result if we simply share a thought from what we are reading.

[3] Usually it is not difficult to start a conversation with someone on a general matter of local interest. If we pray for Jehovah's help and then make the effort, we can enjoy fine results. A very simple way to give a brief and informal witness is to offer one of our tracts. This is especially practical in situations where there is not much time for a conversation. Tracts are small and easily carried but contain a powerful message. Most of us could use them more frequently.

USE *REASONING* BOOK

[4] A practical aid for all features of Kingdom preaching is the *Reasoning* book. Many of the introductions on pages 9-15, as well as the information under "Conversation Stoppers" on pages 15-24, can be adapted to informal witnessing and be used to start conversations. For example, one introduction on page 11 says: "Did you read this in the newspaper this week? (Show appropriate clipping.) What do you think . . . ?" How simple, and yet how effective for starting a conversation! Or we could ask if the person has noticed how the news media have quoted prominent people who use the term "Armageddon" in reference to all-out nuclear war. We could then ask what he thinks Armageddon will mean to mankind. The material on page 9 can be adapted to the conversation.

[5] Whenever we engage in informal witnessing, it is good to allow the other person the opportunity to express himself. We should be courteous and respectful at all times. If we listen carefully to what the other person has to say, we may be able to determine what his interests are and then speak words that will whet his spiritual appetite. (Prov. 25:11) If possible, we should obtain the names and addresses of those who show interest so further contact can be made to cultivate the interest. Likewise, we should also keep a record of the time spent in informal witnessing so this can be reported accurately.

[6] If you feel that you have not been successful at giving an informal witness, do not be discouraged. Your efforts to sow seeds of Kingdom truth through informal witnessing may bear fruit later. Often, it is an accumulation of truth sown through informal witnessing that produces good results. Even if we have no Bible literature to place with people, the oral witness can accomplish a great amount of good. There are millions of people that we can reach if we seize every opportunity to give an informal witness.

- The Society is now accepting orders for reprinted *Watchtower* bound volumes in English for the years 1975 through 1979. Congregations and individuals desiring to have these volumes for their library should determine the total number of volumes they need for each year and submit their requests through the congregation. The total quantities should be entered on the Literature Order form (S-14) and SUBMITTED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1989. (See *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) Please do not place orders for years other than 1975 through 1979. Since the Society will not stock these reprinted volumes, we urge all to consider the matter carefully and place orders for the 1975 through 1979 volumes that are needed. Later orders will only be filled as long as existing supplies last. These reprinted volumes are controlled stock items and are to be paid for by the congregation upon receipt. The price will be $6.00 each.
- New Publications Available:

United in Worship of the Only True God	—Hebrew
Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!	—Cakchiquel, Hmong
Tract No. 15	—Vietnamese

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	**266**	**128.3**	**95.9**	**55.3**	**5.6**
Pios.	**61,521**	**84.7**	**42.5**	**28.5**	**2.8**
Aux. Pios.	**120,979**	**57.8**	**31.5**	**14.7**	**1.2**
Pubs.	**621,752**	**10.3**	**6.6**	**3.6**	**0.4**
TOTAL	**804,518**				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,805

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Using the House-to-House Record

¹ "I have thoroughly preached the good news about the Christ." (Rom. 15:19) These words of the apostle Paul indicate how diligent he was in carrying out his commission to preach, teach, and make disciples.

² We want to be just as thorough in witnessing within our assigned territory. The time we are living in is most critical—lives are at stake. Failure to warn the people will incur bloodguilt. (Ezek. 3:18, 19) Like the apostle Paul, we want to be able to say that we are "clean from the blood of all men." (Acts 20:26) How can we be more thorough in working our territory? Proper use of the House-to-House Record form can help.

WHEN NO ONE IS HOME

³ A complete and accurate record of not-at-homes is indispensable in covering our territory effectively. This is true whether the territory is seldom or frequently worked. So we must be persistent in trying to reach someone at every home. When there is no response, we should make appropriate notations on a house-to-house record. Then we should be sure to return and try to give a witness to someone in that household.

⁴ To reach those who were not at home on the initial call, some have used their house-to-house record, calling back right after door-to-door activity the same day. Or they try calling on a different day or at a different time of the day. Many find that calling in the evening brings good results. Shut-ins have had success making telephone calls or writing letters when repeated visits to certain homes are unsuccessful.

WHEN INTEREST IS FOUND

⁵ When you find an appreciative ear, keep a record. Write down the person's name, address, and any other information that will help in following through on interest shown. If you do not contact the interested person again after several tries, perhaps a change in the day or time you call would help. Do not be quick to give up on someone who has shown interest.

⁶ The apostle Paul set a good example for us. He "thoroughly bore witness" in his assigned territory. Using the house-to-house record properly will help us to bear thorough witness in our assigned territory. And what joy we will have as many more become disciples of Jesus Christ! Thus, we will be able to repeat Paul's words: "I am clean from the blood of all men."—Acts 20:21, 26.

Children *(Cont'd)*

meetings. Very young children may enjoy noting the number of times God's name, the Kingdom, or a certain Bible subject is mentioned and something said about it. Children who are a little older could be assigned to list the scriptures that are read or quoted. Whatever the assignment, the children will benefit the most if they are commended for their effort. They may also be given the opportunity later to comment on points learned or to relate how they enjoyed points presented at the meeting.

⁶ All children who can read should be encouraged and helped to have a personal program for privately reading the Society's publications. Depending on the child's ability, it may include reading through the *Bible Stories, Great Teacher,* and *Youth* books, as well as selected articles in the magazines. Such a program should eventually enable a youth to keep up with all the current theocratic publications.

DRESS AND DECORUM

⁷ Often, visitors are impressed when they see the respectful way our young ones are dressed at Christian meetings. It has been observed that the way a child is dressed for meetings usually has a bearing on his attitude and conduct at meetings. When visiting the Society's headquarters in Brooklyn or any of the branch offices, it is appropriate for children and adults alike to dress as they would for a Christian meeting. —*om* p. 131.

⁸ The fine behavior of our children at meetings also brings praise and honor to Jehovah's name. Therefore, parents should recognize that close supervision at meetings is vital. Concerned parents will arrange for the family to sit together during meetings and see to it that their children maintain proper decorum at all times. For additional helpful suggestions, parents can talk to others who are having good success with their little ones.

⁹ It is our desire for children to share fully in worship at our Christian meetings and 'incite others to love and fine works.' (Heb. 10:24) In Jehovah God's arrangement, meetings are for children too.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Burma was happy to report a new peak of 1,583 publishers and 1,623 Bible studies for February.**

◆ **Curaçao, with 1,474 publishers reporting, had 2,597 in attendance for the talk during the zone overseer's visit.**

◆ **Grenada had a new peak of 385 publishers in February. Their circuit assemblies were attended by 926, and 5 were baptized.**

◆ **We are happy to see that India reached a new peak of 8,950 publishers for February, a 9-percent increase over last year's average.**

Keep Watching How You Walk

¹ The new circuit assembly program for the 1990 service year will begin in September. It will stress the importance of watching how we walk, pursuing the things that make for peace, and avoiding the many pitfalls put in our path by Satan and his hordes, both spirit and human.

² Walking in the pathway of righteousness is not becoming easier in these last days. Therefore, the two-day circuit assembly program will provide encouragement and practical counsel to help Jehovah's people maintain their spiritual balance and prove to be integrity keepers.

³ The assembly theme, "Keep Watching How You Walk," based on Ephesians 5:15, 16, is most appropriate for the development and presentation of the prepared material. Instruction will be given by means of talks, demonstrations, experiences, interviews, and skits. On Saturday there will be opportunity for newly dedicated ones to get baptized. Therefore, those planning to be baptized at the circuit assembly should let the presiding overseer know well in advance so that arrangements can be made for going over the preliminary questions.

⁴ A highlight of the circuit assembly is the public talk given by the district overseer. The subject of his talk will be "Light Bearers in a Dark World." This Bible discussion will contain vital information for newly interested people, and it will be encouraging to those who are already serving as ministers of the good news.—Matt. 24:14.

⁵ Your circuit overseer will let you know when and where your circuit assembly will be held. Make definite plans to attend all the sessions on both days. We cannot afford to miss any part of the program. Jehovah will reward your endeavors by helping you to keep watching how you walk.

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 7-13

How do you present a brochure to

1. A man?
2. A woman?
3. A youngster?

AUGUST 14-20

If the literature offer is refused, how might we

1. Offer a tract?
2. Raise a question for a return visit?

AUGUST 21-27

When preaching

1. How can we learn from one another?
2. How can we help new ones express themselves?
3. How can parents train children?

AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 3

Why should you call back

1. On brochure placements?
2. Where no one was at home?
3. On a person who was genuinely busy?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Source of True Peace and Security.

1 Thess. 5:3—Man-made peace not lasting.

Mic. 4:3, 4—God's peace is everlasting.

Life Everlasting—Our Goal

[1] Thousands of people who were taught by Jesus witnessed the signs he performed. What a privilege they enjoyed! On one occasion he had the crowd recline, offered thanks, and then fed them with an abundant supply of bread and fish. They numbered about 5,000 men, not counting women and children. While Jesus took into consideration the physical needs of the people, he was primarily concerned with their spiritual needs. Hence, the next day he told the crowd: "Work, not for the food that perishes, but for the food that remains for life everlasting."—John 6:27.

[2] As true Christians, we want to follow Jesus' counsel and work for everlasting spiritual benefits. This means keeping material pursuits in their place and having as our primary goal the doing of God's will. Therefore, we imitate Jesus and make every reasonable effort to share the truth with others and help them to appreciate spiritual things, having everlasting life as a goal.

ACTIVITY IN AUGUST

[3] During August, we will continue to present the magazine-size brochures *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise*. As an alternate offer, some may wish to use two of the following older books for $1: *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose,"* or *Word of God.*

[4] It is good to have a selection of these fine publications. This allows us to be flexible, adapt to the interests of the householder, and present the brochure that seems most appropriate. Helpful suggestions on offering the brochures were given in "Presenting the Good News" in the August 1988 *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

[5] If no literature is taken by the householder, we might leave a tract or handbill to stimulate the person's interest in spiritual matters. Or we may find it appropriate to raise a Bible question and suggest the householder give it some thought for a later discussion when we call again. You may select one of the many questions discussed in the *Reasoning* book, such as those mentioned on pages 193, 198, 245, or 247.

[6] To be effective in sharing the good news with others, we need to be well prepared. This requires advance preparation. Are we familiar with the Topic for Conversation, and do we have specific points to mention from the literature? By doing our weekly Bible reading assignment and considering the text each day, our spirituality will grow, and we will have many good things to talk about in our ministry.—Compare Jeremiah 20:9.

[7] During August, you may have the opportunity to work with a number of different publishers. This can widen your acquaintance and friendship with others. It will also allow you to see how others present the good news, something you may miss out on if you always work with the same individual. Yes, our goal is faithful service to Jehovah with everlasting life in view. May we display appreciation for spiritual things by our activity as we incite others to love and fine works.—Heb. 10:24.

Youths, Witness Effectively in School

[1] Serving Jehovah when you are young and full of appreciation for his promises is a wonderful thing. (Eccl. 12:1) You young people have the special opportunity of sharing the truth with classmates and teachers, a territory that is usually inaccessible to adults. Are you alert to the many ways you can witness informally at school?

[2] Why do some find it difficult to share the truth with others at school? Could it be fear of what their classmates will think of them if they talk about God? (Compare Mark 8:38.) Perhaps you experienced this kind of fear when you began going from house to house with the good news. However, if you appreciate the need that other youths have for the truth, as well as your own responsibility as an evangelizer, you will seek opportunities to share the Kingdom message with others. (Matt. 9:36-38; Luke 12:8, 9) To be effective in witnessing informally to those at your school requires advance preparation and planning on your part.

HOW TO DO IT

[3] One youngster read her *Bible Stories* book at school every day during a 15-minute free period. When a classmate inquired about the book, she was invited to sit down and consider a story together. After that, she did not wait to be invited to study but came eagerly to consider the next story. She shared with her mother what she was learning. As a result, the mother began studying the Bible and attending meetings at the Kingdom

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 7

Song 109

10 min: Local announcements and report to congregation of previous month's field activity. Let brothers know what was accomplished, and encourage them for the work ahead. Highlight items in Theocratic News as time allows. Encourage magazine witnessing for this Saturday. Include brief demonstrations on presenting current magazines.

20 min: "Life Everlasting—Our Goal." Question-and-answer discussion. Include two demonstrations using different brochures based on the suggestions in the August 1988 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. In one demonstration, as the householder refuses the offer, the publisher can close by raising an appropriate question from the *Reasoning* book for discussion at another time.

15 min: "Planning Ahead for September." Talk. Start planning what can be done as individuals and as a congregation to advance the spread of the truth. Encourage starting pioneer service in September. Points from *The Watchtower* of May 1, 1985, pages 13-17, may be included. If time permits, ask for comments on suggestions from district convention that we can apply in months ahead.

Song 15 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 14

Song 28

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Accounts report and any donation acknowledgments. TR

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Variety in House-to-House Work." To be handled as a discussion with audience participation. In connection with paragraphs 2 and 3, have well-prepared publisher demonstrate 30- to 60-second magazine presentation. When considering paragraphs 4 and 5, demonstrate simple, direct approach using two different introductions from *Reasoning* book or July 15, 1988, *Watchtower*. Select introductions that are practical for local territory. LA

15 min: Local needs or talk based on article "What Values Govern Your Life?" from March 22, 1989, *Awake!*, pages 8-10.

Song 34 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING AUGUST 21

(SAT STREET WORK

Song 50 DS

8 min: Local announcements. Suggest articles in current magazines for use this Saturday. Review "Standing Firm as One Flock," and announce date for special assembly day if it is already known. JA

17 min: "Do You Respect Your Kingdom Hall?" Questions and answers. Elder should handle, highlighting parts of article that apply locally. WB

20 min: "Are You Using What You Have?" Discuss insert material with audience. Use *Index* to illustrate finding information that has been needed locally.

Song 80 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING AUGUST 28

Song 70 A FERRYMAN

8 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in field service this weekend. Outline special field service activity for September 4. Suggest talking points for offering *Creation* book during September.

24 min: "Youths, Witness Effectively in School." Include three demonstrations with young Witnesses using the suggested presentations in paragraphs 4-6.

13 min: Results of Youths Witnessing in School. To be handled by an elder. Use local experiences. If no local experiences are available, the following experiences can be related by some exemplary youths: 1989 *Yearbook,* page 45, paragraphs 1, 2, and page 49, paragraphs 1, 2; 1988 *Yearbook,* page 53, paragraphs 1-3, and page 60, paragraphs 1-3. Encourage young people to take the initiative in seeking opportunities to witness in school. Urge parents to help their children to prepare so as to witness effectively in school.

Song 75 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*:

August 7: Pages 80 to 84*
August 14: Pages 84* to 89#
August 21: Pages 89# to 95*
August 28: Pages 95* to 99

* To or from subheading.
# To or from chapter heading.

Youths *(Cont'd)*

Hall along with her young daughter.

[4] Why not take the initiative and speak to others about the *Bible Stories* book? For example, you could say: "This book shows how God can protect his faithful servants. [Turn to story 79.] Jehovah protected Daniel in the lions' pit. Do you think God will save his people by putting an end to badness in the future?" After allowing comments, you could turn to story 114 to show that Jehovah will destroy wickedness and save his people.

[5] You might place the *Creation* book on your desk so that others will notice it. Or when the opportunity presents itself, you could turn to the picture on page 83 and ask a classmate or a teacher: "Do you think that our ancestors looked like this?" After getting a response, you could discuss the information on page 89, paragraphs 19 and 20. Others may have their curiosity aroused if they are shown the titles of the chapters listed on page 5. Depending upon their response, you could share additional information from other parts of the *Creation* book, or you might demonstrate how the book can be studied by reading a paragraph and then asking the question at the bottom of the page.

[6] Upon entering high school, one teenage publisher made it her goal to start a Bible study. A classmate was having some problems with her parents and spoke to the Witness girl about this. The young publisher showed her an appropriate "Young People Ask . . . " article from *Awake!* The classmate was impressed with the material and asked more questions. The young publisher placed the *Live Forever* book with her, explained that this could help answer her questions, and started a Bible study.

[7] To be a witness for Jehovah, we must speak about him. (Isa. 43:10-12) Have you sincerely made the effort to share the truth with classmates and teachers at your school? Prepare interesting topics to discuss with them. Put forth the effort. Ask your parents or others to assist you. Pray to Jehovah to bless your efforts, just as he has blessed those of many other young publishers who are effective witnesses for Jehovah at school.—Col. 1:9, 10.

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Are You Using What You Have?

1 Jesus Christ gave his disciples guidance on matters pertaining to true worship. Regarding Jesus' conversation with two of his disciples, Luke reports that Jesus "interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures." (Luke 24:27, 32, 45) Surely the disciples were greatly refreshed and strengthened by his instruction. In time, however, Jesus had to leave them. How would they be able to understand God's written Word without him? Would they know how to apply it in their lives?

2 Jesus did not leave his disciples stranded, abandoned to their own imperfect judgment. They soon came to realize that during his stay with them on earth, Jesus had provided an abundance of information that could be used effectively for their direction on a wide variety of matters. They were able to discern what to do as they "called his sayings to mind." (Luke 24:8; John 14:26) In time, many of Jesus' sayings were recorded in God's Word for our benefit.

3 As the Christian congregation began to function, those taking the lead helped the brothers call to mind what Jesus had taught previously. In his second letter, Peter wrote: "I am arousing your clear thinking faculties by way of a reminder, that you should remember the sayings previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles." (2 Pet. 3:1, 2) So, in most cases, even when very important matters were under consideration, it was simply a matter of making use of what had already been provided.—Acts 15:12-21.

4 Such instruction never became invalid, nor did it become outdated. Over the years, Jehovah progressively gave his people a clearer understanding of his will. (Prov. 4:18) Adjustments in understanding were well-defined and clearly documented by the organization. In all of this, the fundamental principles have remained the same. That is why, for example, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is just as practical today as when it was delivered almost 2,000 years ago. There is no need for new revelations of truth when what we need has already been provided.

SUPPLYING PRESENT SPIRITUAL NEEDS

5 Since the 1870's, the modern Christian congregation has moved progressively toward a clearer understanding of Jehovah's Word. Over the years, a great variety of questions have arisen calling for clear-cut answers. "The faithful and discreet slave" has provided such "food at the proper time." (Matt. 24:45) One by one, questions have been thoroughly researched in the light of Bible truth, and specific direction has been provided for Jehovah's people. All this information has been passed on to us through the publications of the theocratic organization, particularly the *Watchtower* magazine.

6 Upon reviewing what has been published over the years, it is evident that the Society's publications have already provided direction on virtually any Bible subject that comes to mind. Doctrinal teachings have been thoroughly analyzed. Principles governing Christian conduct have been clearly defined. And the requirements for accomplishing the great preaching work have been carefully outlined. As a result, a wealth of Bible information has been accumulated for the benefit of all. For example, the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* bound volumes are a storehouse of instruction. If we had the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* volumes from 1960 to 1988, we would have, in effect, a 58-volume encyclopedia full of vital Scriptural knowledge as well as information in countless other fields. The feature "Questions From Readers" has examined many hundreds of inquiries. We can hardly mention a subject that has not been covered in some way in one of the publications. Accordingly, when we need guidance in some particular way, it is usually a simple matter of calling to mind what was brought to our attention in the past.

7 Even so, searching out the specific information we need at the moment could be a monumental task if we had to rely on our own memory. Happily, the organization has provided the *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985* that we can use to find specific details in a matter of minutes. The *Index* makes reference to more than 200 publications issued over a period of 56 years. Have you learned to use the *Index* to search out information that you need? Are you using what you have? Also, there are periodic *Indexes* in various languages, and some publications contain their own index.

BE A DOER—NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER

[8] The organization, through its publications, helps us to perceive Jehovah's will. We should be doers and apply what we learn rather than be forgetful hearers. (Jas. 1:25) What is brought to our attention should not be viewed as instruction to be put aside and forgotten after a momentary consideration. Instead, we should listen with a view to calling it to mind when there is a need for it in the future. In order to do that, "it is necessary for us to pay more than the usual attention to the things heard by us."—Heb. 2:1.

[9] How do we "pay more than the usual attention"? The March 15, 1989, *Watchtower,* page 14, explains that: (1) We need to appreciate Jehovah's organization and show it by our cooperation and regular meeting attendance. (2) We must be diligent in personal study of God's Word and the publications provided by the slave class. (3) It is important to meditate on the things we learn so that they can be applied in our lives and used to help others.

[10] The publications provide continuous instruction on how to cope with the challenges we face in raising our families, keeping morally clean, and dealing with others. How do you react to that instruction? Do you view it with appreciation, taking careful note of things that apply to you personally? Or do you simply view it as something of momentary, passing interest? Appreciation should move us to absorb the information and meditate on it with a view to calling it to mind later and making full use of it.—Isa. 48:17.

[11] We need to do more than simply read what is provided. That can often be quite casual and superficial. Instead, we have to study it. To study means to set the mind upon a subject systematically to learn it for future use, to make something an object of consideration with a view to action. This means that our mental approach to the material actually determines how deeply it will be impressed on our minds and applied in our daily lives. As we study, we should continually be asking: How does this apply to me? How can I use this to further my spiritual progress? What changes do I need to make? How can I use it to help others? How would I explain it to others?

IMPROVING OUR FIELD MINISTRY

[12] *Our Kingdom Ministry* regularly analyzes the needs and trends in the field ministry, pointing out ways that will help us get the most effective results. Since it is published monthly, are you inclined to view its instruction as valid or relevant only until the next issue? One of the fundamental goals in the ministry has always been to reach people's hearts with the Kingdom message. Human interest, emotions, and attitudes have basically remained the same over the years. A great variety of methods can be used effectively to stimulate interest. *Our Kingdom Ministry* simply makes us aware of what others are using successfully. While a number of variations have been suggested over a period of time, the basic methods remain the same. Current suggestions may have been offered in the past, and they may be used again in the future.

[13] Another outstanding provision has been the *Reasoning* book. Page 8 explains that "use of this handbook should help you to cultivate the ability to reason from the Scriptures and to use them effectively in helping others." Many publishers have related delightful experiences showing how this book was used to get very satisfying results. Its information is practical for use in virtually any situation encountered in our ministry. It would be very beneficial to review selected portions before sharing in field service each week. We should always carry a copy in our book bag. It has also been recommended that we include it among the publications that we regularly bring to the meetings. By having it readily available and being acquainted with its contents, we are really putting forth an effort to be "completely equipped for every good work."—2 Tim. 3:17.

[14] We show appreciation for what Jehovah has provided by making good use of it in our ministry. Necessary spiritual food along with guidance for our ministry has been made available in abundance. We need to "ponder over these things; be absorbed in them." (1 Tim. 4:15) This will enable us to call to mind what we need at the appropriate time. When we need help in remembering, we have publications designed to jog our memory. Rather than always expecting something new, we should gratefully give thanks for what we have and use it to the full. In doing so, we show ourselves to be mature people "who through use have their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong."—Heb. 5:14.

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW

Closed-book review on material covered in Theocratic Ministry School assignments for the weeks of May 1 to August 21, 1989. Use a separate sheet of paper to write down answers to as many of the questions as you can in the time allotted.

[Note: During the written review, only the Bible may be used to answer any question. References that follow the questions are for your personal research. Page and paragraph numbers may not appear on all references to *The Watchtower*.]

Answer each of the following statements True or False:

F 1. "Many peoples" and "mighty nations" refer to political nations and governments. (Mic. 4:3) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 5/1.]

2. That the book of Amos belongs in the Bible canon is established by Stephen's paraphrase of three verses at Acts 7:42, 43 and James' quotation from the book at Acts 15:15-18. [*si* p. 149 par. 6]

F 3. At Zechariah 1:3, the Jews were being urged to leave Babylon and return home to Jerusalem. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 6/15.]
return wholesouled

4. The four horse-drawn chariots picture the angelic spirit forces who are commissioned to protect God's servants on earth. (Zech. 6:1-3) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 6/15.]

5. According to Micah 7:4, even the best among the wayward Israelites was as hurtful or painful as a brier or thorn hedge to anyone getting too close. [*si* p. 157 par. 15; see also *w*89 5/1.]

T 6. Jesus denounced, not public prayers, but prayers that are said to impress listeners and draw their admiring compliments. (Matt. 6:5, 6) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*86 11/1 p. 8.]

7. History reports the destruction of Moab, Ammon, and Assyria, just as Zephaniah had foretold. [*si* p. 164 par. 5]

T 8. Jesus' words at Matthew 9:16, 17 indicate that he did not come to patch up or perpetuate Judaism but to institute a new system of worship. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 7/15.]

F 9. Jesus' preaching instructions in Matthew chapter 10 were meant only for his 12 apostles. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*87 8/1 p. 8.]

T 10. The Jews were unclean by reason of their neglect of pure worship. (Hag. 2:10-14) [*si* p. 167 par. 11]

Answer the following questions:

11. What despicable action provided the basis for Obadiah's denunciation of Edom? (Obad. 12-14) [*si* p. 152 par. 8]
Looking on with glee at what was happening to l

12. Who is the "anointed one" who is saved? (Hab. 3:13) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 5/15.] Israel & remnant today

13. What is the "pure language"? (Zeph. 3:9) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 6/1.] Truth of God's Word

14. What sort of sea creature could possibly have swallowed Jonah? (Jonah 1:17) [*si* p. 154 pars. 4, 5; see also *w*89 4/15.] shark, whale or large fish

15. How could Joseph consider divorcing Mary secretly, since they were only engaged? (Matt. 1:19) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 7/15.] Considered as married

16. What is one of the sublime truths highlighted in the book of Habakkuk? [*si* p. 161 par. 1] appointed time will come

17. Why did Jehovah commission the prophet Haggai? [*si* p. 166 par. 3]
to build temple - finish

18. Why were Jesus' disciples faulted for 'not washing their hands when about to eat a meal'? (Matt. 15:2) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*87 11/1 p. 8.] - ritual
not engaged in their ritual

Provide the word or phrase needed to complete each of the following statements:

19. 'Ripping apart one's heart' means that sincere, heartfelt Repentance is needed for salvation during the day of Jehovah. (Joel 2:12, 13) [*w*89 3/15 p. 30]

20. The prophet Amos prophesied against the luxury-loving despoilers dwelling in houses of ivory in ~~Babylon~~ [*si* p. 149 par. 9]
Samaria

21. In fulfillment of Obadiah's prophecy, Edom subsequently ceased to exist, and no trace of her descendants remains. [*si* p. 151 par. 5]

22. The prophet Micah foretold the birthplace of the Messiah. [*si* p. 156 par. 6]

23. "The Supreme Court" mentioned at Matthew 5:22 was Sanhedrin [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 7/15.]

24. Money will not provide security in the day of Jehovah's fury. (Zeph. 1:18) [*si* p. 164 par. 7]

25. Jesus' use of illustrations served the purpose of teaching. (Matt. 13:10-15) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*87 4/1 p. 8.]

Select the correct answer in each of the following statements:

26. The prophet (Joel; Amos; Obadiah) foretold that those calling on the name of Jehovah will get away safe when God executes judgment on the wicked. [*si* p. 147 par. 9]

27. "The city of bloodshed" was (Babylon; Nineveh; Jerusalem). (Nah. 3:1) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 5/15.]

28. Instead of going to Nineveh, Jonah set sail in the opposite direction to Tarshish, possibly identified with (Portugal; Spain; France). [*si* p. 154 par. 6; *it* vol. 2 p. 98]

29. "The messenger of the covenant" is (Jehovah; John the Baptizer; Jesus Christ). (Mal. 3:1) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 7/1.]

30. The book of Nahum was written sometime before Nineveh's destruction in (740; [✓ 632]; 607) B.C.E. [*si* p. 159 par. 3; see also *it* vol. 2 p. 505.]

Match the following scriptures to the statements listed below:

Mic. 6:11; Nah. 1:2, 3; Hab. 3:16, 18; Hag. 1:4-6; Zech. 12:6

31. Never put material interests ahead of spiritual duties. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 6/1.] Hag 1:4-6

32. Those having oversight among God's people must be outstandingly zealous. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 6/15.]
Zech 12:6

33. Jehovah executes vengeance upon his enemies. [*si* p. 159 par. 8] Nah 1:2,3

34. We must wait patiently on Jehovah for salvation. [*si* p. 162 par. 11] Hab 3:16,1

35. A person cannot serve Jehovah acceptably while he is carrying on dishonest business practices. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 5/1.] Mi 6:11

Announcements

- Literature offer for **August**: One of the following 32-page, magazine-size brochures: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New,"* *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever*, or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* may be offered for a contribution of 30¢. As an alternate offer, two of the following books may be offered for $1.00: *Choosing the Best Way of Life*, *Commentary on the Letter of James*, *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good*, or *Is the Bible Really the Word of God?* Additional copies of *Commentary on James* may be ordered from the Society. Congregations should not order the other three books mentioned, since they are out of stock. Use only those books that are available locally. (For obtaining credit, see the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988, to all bodies of elders.) **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size books are $1.50. **October**: One-year subscription for *Awake!* or *Watchtower*, or both, for a contribution of $5.00 each. **November**: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and latest brochure for $4.30.
- From August 31 to September 2, 1989, the Society will be taking an inventory of all literature on hand in Brooklyn Bethel. Because of this inventory, no congregation literature orders will be processed for shipment or for pickup during those days.
- Each congregation will receive three Literature Inventory forms and should take an actual count of campaign literature. Please fill out the forms completely and send the original to us no later than September 6, 1989. Keep a carbon copy for your files. We are sending the third copy for use as a work sheet.
- Congregations should begin ordering the 1990 Calendar of Jehovah's Witnesses with their September literature order. (See the *Cost List*, paragraphs 7-10.) The calendars again depict Bible locations and will be available in Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. Some may want to get an extra calendar and frame the pictures or put them in a binder for permanent use. These pictures should be a valuable addition to your theocratic library. Please consider this when placing your order. Calendars are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at $1.00 each, which is the rate for publishers, pioneers, and the public. Do not send remittance with the orders. (See the *Cost List*, paragraphs 23-25.) Until the calendars are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices.
- On receiving the 1990 calendar, you will observe that the expression "Share in field ministry" has been deleted on the first Sunday of the month and "Share in magazine service" has been deleted from the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Why? Because it properly is the custom for publishers to share in the field ministry on every Saturday and Sunday that they possibly can. Indeed, many are setting a fine example by sharing in the ministry practically every Saturday and Sunday during the month.
- The 1990 Memorial celebration will be on Tuesday, April 10, after sundown. Daylight saving time may affect many, so this advance announcement is given so that the brothers may make necessary reservations or contracts for available halls when there are too many congregations using one Kingdom Hall and they must find other facilities.
- New Publications Available:

  Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry —Cebuano
  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Mam
  Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood —Hungarian
  Watch Tower Publications Index 1981 —Korean

  New PUBLICATIONS

  Watch Tower Publications Index 1986 —Greek
  Watch Tower Publications Scripture Index 1950-1985 (congregation, public, and pioneer: $1.50) —Greek
  Tract No. 13 —Bulgarian
  Tract No. 14 —Bulgarian
  Tract No. 15 —Bulgarian
  Tract No. 16 —Bulgarian
- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  Listening to the Great Teacher (set of four cassettes and a book in an album; congregation and public: $10.00; pioneers: $7.50) —French
  Hosea through *Malachi* (set of three cassettes; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —German
  Listening to the Great Teacher (set of six cassettes and a book in an album; congregation and public: $12.50; pioneers: $9.50) —Japanese

Do You Respect Your Kingdom Hall?

[1] "Look! How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1) Meetings in our Kingdom Hall provide an opportunity to be united with our brothers so we can incite one another to love and fine works, encouraging one another. —Heb. 10:24, 25.

[2] Since the Kingdom Hall serves such an important function in our lives, do we really respect it? The Kingdom Hall is the center of true worship in the area. Therefore, we should hold it in high esteem. All of us should feel the need to share in keeping it clean and in good condition. There are times when our book study group will be assigned to clean the hall. If it is at all possible for us to share in that work, we should want to do so, thus showing our appreciation for a clean and attractive meeting place. SCHEDULE – HAGGAI

[3] We can all show an interest in the Kingdom Hall, whether we are assigned to clean or not. How? By such a simple act as wiping our feet when entering the hall so as not to track in dirt. This is especially true when the weather is inclement. If we have occasion to use the rest room, we can wipe around the sink after using it so as to leave it clean for the next person. Those who work at the literature and magazine counters can show their interest by promptly disposing of empty cartons. All trash should be placed in the receptacles provided for that purpose. If we see discarded paper or other litter on the floor, we should pick it up rather than leave it for someone else to pick up. *Our Kingdom Ministry* for January 1989 gave suggestions on keeping the information board neat. Others should cooperate with the presiding overseer in making sure this advice is followed.—*km* 1/89 p. 7.

[4] The same principles apply when we attend assemblies or conventions. The assembly site is a center of pure worship, whether it is one of our Assembly Halls or some other facility, and it should be treated with respect. We should always check when we leave to be sure we have not left any litter where we were sitting. We should have a helpful attitude and not feel that those assigned to clean are there to pick up after us.

SHARING A HALL

[5] Because of the high cost of property, many Kingdom Halls are used by more than one congregation. In urban areas, as many as five or six congregations may share a single Kingdom Hall. Each congregation should take an interest in the Kingdom Hall, recognizing that it belongs to Jehovah and is used for his worship. So respect for the Kingdom Hall entails not only our love for Jehovah but also our love for our brothers in other congregations using the hall.

[6] Generally, Kingdom Hall cleaning is done once a week. Where more than one congregation uses the hall, it is necessary for some cleaning to be done after each meeting so that the next congregation that comes into the hall will find it presentable. This also applies to Sundays when one congregation comes in right after another. It is good for some cleaning to be done as time permits for the congregation coming in next. When several congregations use the hall on the same day, it can become quite untidy by the end of the day if no one cares for this.

[7] Even as we are "fitly united in the same mind and in the same line of thought" when it comes to spiritual matters, may we be united also in showing respect for our Kingdom Halls.—1 Cor. 1:10.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Variety in House-to-House Work

¹ Does not Jehovah's creation abound with variety? The psalmist declared: "How many your works are, O Jehovah! All of them in wisdom you have made. The earth is full of your productions." (Ps. 104:24) There are also many facets to the good news he has commanded us to preach. Are you using variety in your house-to-house ministry in order to reach as many people as possible?

ON MAGAZINE DAY

² The Society encourages all to share in magazine distribution *every* Saturday. Rather than using the Topic for Conversation, giving a 30- to 60-second presentation featuring just *one* article and then offering both magazines for 50¢ is appropriate. If the householder asks questions or shows more than ordinary interest, there is no need to feel we must rush to the next door.

³ There is no lack of variety when it comes to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Often, the brother handling the first part on the Service Meeting will present talking points from the current magazines. Pay attention; jot down suggestions you might use. If the Service Meeting includes a demonstration, take note of how it is done, practice it, and then use it in the field on Saturday. If you find you get a poor response, select another article to feature. Each issue contains a number of subjects designed to appeal to people with varied interests. By being conversant with the articles in both magazines, it will be easy to adapt your presentation to the interest of the householder.

VARY YOUR INTRODUCTION

⁴ At other times the Topic for Conversation should be used with the current offer. *Our Kingdom Ministry* suggests a different Topic for Conversation from time to time. When training new ones, it is best to use the current topic in a simple presentation. However, at other times it may be good to vary your approach. Have you tried opening your presentation by offering one of the tracts or a handbill as a conversation starter?

⁵ No doubt there are some introductions in the *Reasoning* book you have not yet tried. For example, pages 10-11 suggest introductions based on current events. Keep yourself informed, and have in mind scriptures that bear upon up-to-date news items. Is your territory frequently worked? If so, you may do well to vary your introductions, making use of those on page 15 of the *Reasoning* book. Also, do not forget the excellent suggestions in the July 15, 1988, *Watchtower*, pages 15-20. Try some of the well-thought-out questions on page 19, paragraph 16, being sure to allow the householder to express his view.

⁶ The people in our territory come from many different backgrounds and circumstances. We need to vary our approach in order to appeal to all who will listen, doing so out of concern for the welfare of others. (1 Cor. 9:19-23) Using variety in our house-to-house ministry will help us to 'save both ourselves and those who listen to us.'—1 Tim. 4:16.

Planning Ahead for September

¹ In anticipation of the start of the new service year in September, it is good for all interested in Kingdom service to consider what we have accomplished up to now and what we desire to accomplish in the year ahead. As the apostle Paul said: "To what extent we have made progress, let us go on walking orderly in this same routine."—Phil. 3:16.

² September means the end of the vacation season for many of school age. So why not take advantage of the first weekend to work with the pioneers in your congregation and get a good start in the service for the new service year? Some youths have made it their goal to witness to more of their fellow students and try to start a Bible study. Or for those of you who are parents and whose children will be going to school, might this be a good month for you to enjoy auxiliary pioneer work again? You will have an extra Saturday in the month to help you meet the requirements.

³ For young publishers, the school year often brings homework. Will you schedule time for theocratic study as well as your homework? It will help you qualify for a career in full-time service and assist you in staying on the road to life. (Isa. 30:21) Sometimes we feel we are too busy to do any more. But valuable time can be lost watching television. Why not use that time for priority matters of a theocratic nature?—1 Tim. 4:15.

⁴ Do not let the hours or months slip by you like clouds in the sky, but, rather, plan your time and set goals to use your life in a way that will bring honor to Jehovah.—Eccl. 11:4.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Alaska reports a total of 1,872 publishers for March, a 7-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **El Salvador passed the 17,000 mark with 17,019 publishers for March. The congregation publishers averaged 13.5 hours in the field.**

◆ **Korea had a new peak of 54,951 publishers in March. Attendance at the Memorial celebration was 117,594.**

◆ **Luxembourg reported fine activity during March with new peaks of 1,422 publishers and 1,102 Bible studies. Congregation publishers averaged 12.4 hours in the service.**

◆ **Pakistan reached a peak of 275 publishers for March. The Memorial was attended by 941.**

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	263	129.6	87.7	55.0	5.4
Pios.	59,978	82.4	38.6	27.8	2.8
Aux. Pios.	40,201	58.8	28.7	16.5	1.4
Pubs.	688,767	9.7	6.2	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	789,209				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,013

Standing Firm as One Flock

¹ The special assembly day for the 1990 service year will have as its theme "Standing Firm as One Flock." This theme is based on Philippians 1:27. The morning program will include information on the need to stand firm, provisions to help us to stand firm, examples of standing firm, and how we can guard against weakening influences. There will be arrangements for baptism at the end of the morning session. Any who are contemplating baptism should let the presiding overseer know well in advance so that arrangements can be made to go over the questions in *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry.*

² In the afternoon there will be a *Watchtower* summary followed by encouragement to be positive in the ministry, instruction on helping others in the ministry, and practical counsel to help us stand firm in one spirit. Now of all times, it is necessary to stand firm as one flock before Jehovah. Our united stand for true worship protects us from the divisive forces that pervade Satan's world, and it puts us in a strong position to help others join us in true worship.

³ The program will be spiritually upbuilding, and all of us will want to make arrangements to be present for the entire day. Your circuit overseer will notify you when you are scheduled to have your special assembly day program, if he has not done so already.

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Offering the *Creation* book

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. Analyze suggestion presented in paragraph 5 of first article of *Our Kingdom Ministry.*

SEPTEMBER 11-17

Working business territory

1. Why work along with an experienced publisher?
2. Review suggestions in paragraphs 6 and 7 of "Presenting the Good News."

SEPTEMBER 18-24

Topic for Conversation

1. What helpful direction has been given on page 3 of *Our Kingdom Ministry?*
2. How can we apply this information?

SEPTEMBER 25–OCTOBER 1

Magazine witnessing

1. What suggestions are given in the second article of *Our Kingdom Ministry?*
2. Review October Topic for Conversation and literature offer.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Worship the Giver of Life.

Heb. 3:4—Jehovah is our Creator.
Rev. 4:11—He deserves our full devotion.

Help Others to Appreciate Our Grand Creator

[1] As we observe the creation around us, there is no doubt in our minds that a Creator exists and that he is very much interested in our future. (Rom. 1:20) The book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* has been instrumental in sharpening our appreciation for the Creator. It has also helped us explain to others just how life came to be.

[2] After reading the book, one individual with a science background described it as the finest book he had ever read for building appreciation for life. A college professor stated: "I have never before seen such a well-presented argument for creation." Obviously, the *Creation* book has been a fine tool in helping many appreciate our Grand Creator, Jehovah God.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES

[3] During the month of September, we will again have the privilege of offering this book in the field ministry. In addition to our regular house-to-house ministry, we can offer the *Creation* book while engaging in street work and when witnessing informally. We can offer it to workmates, schoolmates, relatives, and others with whom we come in contact. Do your Bible students have a copy? If not, why not see that they get one? Do you have a magazine route? It may be that these people would like to have a copy. Take advantage of every appropriate occasion to offer the *Creation* book this month.

[4] Many young ones have been successful in placing the *Creation* book at school. Have you tried carrying a copy of the book with you to school? When those who are curious ask questions, you will have opportunity to witness to them. Some publishers have found success doing street work just outside college campuses and have had good discussions with many of the students.

USE THE TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

[5] The *Creation* book offer goes well with our Topic for Conversation, "Worship the Giver of Life." In presenting the book, you might say: "Many people are interested in knowing how life got started. Have you ever wondered about that? [Allow response.] There are different opinions about the origin of life. Let us consider the Bible's reasonable explanation. [Read Hebrews 3:4.] So logically every building or house we see around us today had a designer and a builder. Obviously, the much

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Gaining Joy Through Increased Magazine Placements

[1] Jehovah's great universal organization is noted for its productivity. By means of Jesus Christ, Jehovah has developed an earthly organization that is also characterized by willing, productive workers. (Ps. 110:3; Matt. 9:37, 38) When we give attention to the quality as well as the quantity of our ministry, increased joy is sure to result. (Luke 10:17) This is particularly true as we brace up our minds for increasing our personal distribution of the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines.

[2] Magazine distribution is one of the principal ways in which the Kingdom message is spread abroad. Although this continues to be true as the preaching work expands, it has been noted that in some areas magazine placements are decreasing. How can this trend be remedied? What are some essentials we can keep in mind that will enable us personally to place more magazines?

A POSITIVE APPROACH

[3] A first step to increased placements is: BE MAGAZINE CONSCIOUS. This objective is more easily attained when we are regular readers of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* ourselves. Once we are acquainted with their contents, we want to use every appropriate occasion to present them to the public. For most of us, every Saturday offers a fine opportunity to share in distributing the magazines from door to door. Many congregations set aside a time for midweek magazine activity to accommodate publishers who are not able to work in the field service on Saturday. Some may find that evening witnessing affords excellent opportunities to offer magazines from house to house. Street work, store-to-store activity, informal witnessing, and magazine routes are all fine ways by which we can share in distributing magazines. In regular house-to-house work, the latest magazines may be presented when the current offer for the month is refused. Being alert to do so can bring us joy.

[4] A second suggestion for increasing magazine placements is: KEEP IT SIMPLE. Some publishers have

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 4

Song 154

7 min: Local announcements and appropriate announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage Saturday magazine activity. Suggest appropriate talking points from current magazines as time allows.

18 min: "Help Others to Appreciate Our Grand Creator." Question-and-answer discussion of material. After discussing paragraph 5, have publisher demonstrate use of Topic for Conversation. Use the illustrations and captions on pages 130 and 251 when presenting *Creation* book. Encourage all to have a full share in offering the *Creation* book this month.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Boldly Witnessing in Business Territory." Question-and-answer discussion of material by service overseer. Encourage greater participation in reaching businesspeople in territory. After considering paragraphs 6 and 7, demonstrate the magazine and the *Creation* book offers in business territory.

Song 92 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 11

Song 211

12 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Mention donation acknowledgments. Commend brothers for being alert to financial needs of local congregation and of worldwide preaching work. Call attention to article "*Awake!* on Audiocassette." Emphasize importance of using appropriate subscription form. Announce field service arrangements.

20 min: Our Congregation's Progress. Secretary discusses with congregation its activity during past service year. Compare the figures during the past two years as reported on Congregation Analysis Report (S-10). Point out where progress was made and what needs attention. Review suggestions made by circuit overseer. JA

13 min: Question Box. Presiding overseer will handle by question-and-answer coverage. Highlight reasons for presenting information from Society clearly and concisely.

Song 128 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 18

Song 133 CA

12 min: Local announcements. Discuss appropriate introductions from *Reasoning* book that could be used locally with the suggested Topic for Conversation. Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing this Saturday. Highlight Theocratic News items as time allows.

18 min: "The Topic for Conversation." Question-and-answer discussion. Interview two pioneers, asking which topics they have used effectively in congregation territory. Demonstrate presenting *Creation* book as suggested in paragraph 5 of article.

15 min: Prepare Well for the Field Ministry. Talk by elder who is effective in the field ministry. Discuss Ephesians 6:18, 19, showing that Paul asked the brothers to pray that ability to speak would be given him. We need to pray similarly for ourselves and for one another. Discuss need to schedule time for preparation, both as individuals and as family groups. (1 Cor. 14:40) Some have practice sessions with newer ones. Then, while working with these newer ones in the field ministry, they discuss the various situations experienced. (*sg* p. 39 par. 3; *qm* studies 44, 45) Use the *Reasoning* book in discussing introductions that fit the local territory and ways to handle conversation stoppers that are often heard. If you are having difficulties with some aspect of the ministry, arrange to work with experienced publishers and pioneers, inquiring specifically about the area in which you would like assistance. Preparing to serve Jehovah in the field is a joy. We are all busy and may find it difficult to set aside time, but even a few minutes thoughtfully spent will result in much improvement. Encourage all to prepare well for their ministry.

Song 156 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 25

Song 20 DC

10 min: Local announcements and consideration of day's text. Call attention to weekend arrangements for field service. Briefly mention offer for October and new Topic for Conversation.

20 min: "Gaining Joy Through Increased Magazine Placements." Questions and answers. Compare average congregation magazine placements with amount received over last six months. When considering paragraph 6, have two pioneers discuss a few highlights from March 1984 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert. Each pioneer should take a turn presenting a 30- to 60-second magazine presentation. As time permits, interview one or two publishers who do particularly well in placing magazines. Make local application as needed.

15 min: Local needs or presiding overseer discusses highlights of the July 1, 1989, "Questions From Readers," encouraging exemplary young men to reach out for greater privileges of service. prayer = How

Song 53 and concluding prayer.

Gaining Joy (*Cont'd*)

apparently talked themselves out of magazine placements by giving long presentations. Other publishers have used the Topic for Conversation when engaging in the magazine work. However, this is not recommended. When encouraging wider magazine distribution, the December 1, 1956, *Watchtower* stated: "A short, to-the-point presentation is best when offering magazines. The object is to place many copies. They will do their own 'talking.' The Society suggests a half-minute to a minute presentation, a well-worded statement of one point discussed in the magazine being offered."

[5] Next: BE VERSATILE. Prepare more than one presentation. Then as you encounter varying circumstances, you will be able to speak with people of all sorts and tailor your presentation to their interests. This advance preparation often leads to increased magazine distribution and greater joy.

[6] One final suggestion: SET A PERSONAL GOAL. You may recall this was stressed in the insert "Magazines Point the Way to Life," which appeared in the March 1984 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. You may wish to strive for an average of one magazine for each hour you are in service for the month. Your personal goal should be a reasonable one, considering your individual circumstances and the time you are able to spend in field service.

[7] By means of his visible organization, Jehovah continues to provide what we need to increase our share in the ministry. We have exciting, colorful magazines with which to work. Now our own individual effort in cooperating with the congregation arrangements for magazine distribution enters the picture. Since such activity glorifies Jehovah, we will experience the deep-seated joy that comes with an increased share in the ministry with the magazines.—John 15:8.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size books are $1.50. **October**: One-year subscription for *Awake!* or *Watchtower,* or both, for a contribution of $5.00 each. **November**: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and *Trinity* brochure for $4.30. **December**: *Bible Stories, Live Forever,* or *Young People Ask,* as appropriate, for the corresponding contribution.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit the congregation's accounts on September 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- It is important that brothers planning charters to visit Bethel correspond by mail with the Bethel Office first. Please provide information on the number coming and the dates. The Society will provide directions and the route charter buses should take. Letters to Brooklyn Bethel should be addressed to Watchtower, Bethel Office, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Those brothers planning charters to visit Watchtower Farms should address correspondence to Watchtower, Bethel Office, R R 1, Box 300, Wallkill, NY 12589-9799.
- A new *Cost List* has been prepared, and four copies are being sent with the annual forms to each congregation. They should be distributed to the secretary and to the brothers caring for literature, magazines, and accounts.
- New Publications Available:
  Comprehensive Concordance —Spanish
  Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work (congregation and public: $1.50; pioneers: 75¢) —English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish
  The Bible—God's Word or Man's? (congregation and public: $1.00; pioneers: 50¢) —English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish
  Should You Believe in the Trinity? (congregation and public: 30¢; pioneers: 15¢) —English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish

Help Others *(Cont'd)*

more complex universe must have had a creator. According to Hebrews 3:4, the Creator is God. But how should knowledge of this fact affect us? [Read Revelation 4:11.] So the wise course to take while there is yet time is to learn the Creator's will and conform our lives to it." Then offer the book, pointing out that it will show how man got here and how obedience to our Creator can lead to eternal life.

[6] How happy we are to have this beautifully illustrated, 256-page volume that explains the truth about evolution and about creation! Primarily, however, this book honors our Grand Creator. It does that by letting us know how life got here, Jehovah's marvelous purpose to sanctify his name, and his promise to bless mankind through the Kingdom.

The Topic for Conversation

[1] The March 1977 *Our Kingdom Service* introduced the feature "Topic for Conversation" and gave suggestions on how it could be used effectively. All of us have benefited from this feature during the past 12 years. It has helped many to improve their effectiveness in presenting the good news.

[2] During the past few years, a new Topic for Conversation has been introduced every three or four months. In the future, *Our Kingdom Ministry* will be changing the suggested Topic for Conversation more often. Generally, there will be a different topic each time the literature offer changes. This will help us make a smoother transition from our Scriptural presentation to the literature offer. It will also add greater variety to our ministry.

ALTERNATING TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

[3] Ordinarily, you will find that the basic suggested Topic for Conversation can be presented at each door. However, none should hesitate to alter the topic or use a different one if it seems advantageous to do so. Of course, when training new or young ones, it may be advisable to stick closely to the suggested Topic for Conversation.

[4] Pioneers, as well as all who work their territory frequently, will no doubt find it helpful to use variations on the suggested topic to prevent their presentation from becoming routine. Various circumstances may make it advisable at times to use a topic different from the one suggested in *Our Kingdom Ministry.*

SOURCE MATERIAL FOR PRESENTATIONS

[5] When we feel a need to vary the Topic for Conversation, where can we get other ideas to use? Past issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry* will be helpful. The publication you are offering also may be used as the source of your topic for conversation. Select a picture, a scripture, or a chapter theme and make a brief presentation to arouse interest. Try to get the book into the hands of the prospective reader so that he will look at it for himself. You may be surprised to see how easy it is to make the placement in this way. Later, when making the return visit, you can go into more detail. So keep the initial presentation relatively short.

[6] All of us should continue to ask Jehovah for "the tongue of the taught ones" so we will know how to teach those we meet in our territories. (Isa. 50:4) It is our sincere desire to use the Topic for Conversation effectively. Lives are at stake. —1 Tim. 4:16.

Awake! on Audiocassette

As announced at the "Godly Devotion" District Convention, beginning with the January 8, 1990, issue, the *Awake!* in English will be available on cassette on a subscription basis. Most of the articles in each issue will be recorded on a single cassette. Although available to everyone, this provision will be especially helpful to those handicapped by physical impairment that prevents them from reading *Awake!* in print.

The subscription rates will be the same as for the *Watchtower* on cassette, as follows:

Congregation and public: $36.00
Pioneer: $30.00

Those certified as blind or physically unable to read ordinary reading material: $12.00

Cassettes will be provided with Braille labels if requested. Subscription rates are for one year only. There is no six-month subscription rate.

Special cassette subscription forms are being supplied to congregations, and these may be obtained from the brother handling subscriptions. The completed form should be returned to him for forwarding to the Society along with other regular subscriptions. Do not use regular magazine subscription forms for cassette subscriptions.

Those currently qualified for the reduced rate for *Watchtower* cassettes may receive *Awake!* at the same rate. To certify eligibility, the congregation secretary, on the basis of his personal acquaintance with the subscriber, should sign the certification statement on the reverse side of the special subscription slip. (For details, please see the Society's letter of August 15, 1989, to all congregations.)

A durable 24-cavity cassette album is also available for convenient storage of the *Awake!* cassettes. The cost is as follows:

Congregation and public: $7.00
Pioneer: $5.50

Those desiring to receive the first issue of *Awake!* on cassette should send their subscriptions in promptly, although subscriptions will be accepted at any time. It is hoped that these recordings will enable more persons to enjoy the material contained in *Awake!*

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Boldly Witnessing in Business Territory

[1] Boldness is necessary in presenting the good news. This is especially true when witnessing in business territory. Some publishers are hesitant to work business territory. But this may be due to lack of experience. Or it may be an area in which there is a need to 'muster up boldness.' —1 Thess. 2:2.

[2] Many publishers have obtained good results witnessing in business territory. One circuit overseer reported that in nine mornings of working business territory, a total of 177 books were placed. More could have been placed, but supplies simply ran out. You too may have success if you make the effort to share in working business territory.

KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

[3] Being successful often depends upon our attitude. Some publishers are inclined to think that witnessing to storekeepers would be extremely difficult. One publisher who took this view said: "I expected that the response would be negative. However, to my surprise, the reaction to the Kingdom message was just the opposite. They were genuinely polite and friendly and almost always accepted the magazines." Yes, those who share in working business territory speak of it as a fruitful work that brings blessings.

[4] Elders, especially the service overseer, should take the lead. It may be beneficial to prepare special territory maps of heavily concentrated business areas. In other areas, the business places can be worked along with the residential territory. Be sure not to overlook shops, offices, factories, and so forth. The elders may see fit to select qualified publishers to work concentrated business territory.

[5] Those who participate in this work should be neatly dressed and strive to be brief and to the point when contacting businesspeople. Presentations that are no more than a minute or so in length are most appropriate. Selecting days and times that are less busy is important in getting better results when working business territory. Some have found an early hour on Saturday morning to be appropriate, whereas others find it advantageous to call early on weekdays when owners are not so occupied and stores are not crowded.

WHAT WE CAN SAY

[6] When working business territory, we could feature magazines, the current literature offer, or tracts. Our approach and the offer may vary according to the circumstances. When offering the magazines we could say: "Since it is often very difficult to find businesspeople at home, we are making this effort to contact you today. In the latest issue of *The Watchtower*, there is an article entitled [give title] that contains information that personally affects you. We feel you will enjoy reading this article as well as the others. We offer *The Watchtower* along with the *Awake!* for a contribution of only 50¢."

[7] This month we are featuring the publication *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* When offering this publication in business territory, you might say: "As a businessman, you know that much thoughtful effort is required to succeed. Could blind chance have succeeded in bringing about life and the universe? This book offers scientific proof that God created life. It also shows God's thoughtful purpose in creating man. During this month we are offering this book entitled *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* It has much to say about life and what the future holds for mankind. We are leaving it on a contribution of $3.00." (Small-size book is $1.50.)

[8] We can be confident that Jehovah will bless our diligent efforts to reach people with this lifesaving good news. There is a vital need for thoroughness in our witnessing activity. (Acts 20:24) Since it is often hard for us to find businesspeople at home, we should take advantage of opportunities to speak with them at their place of work. Though working business territory may be challenging, we can be successful if we 'muster up boldness to speak the good news of God.'

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	245	124.1	77.8	52.2	5.4
Pios.	58,933	73.7	31.2	24.7	2.6
Aux. Pios.	29,369	57.8	24.0	14.8	1.4
Pubs.	682,472	9.6	5.7	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	771,019				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 6,465

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*:

September 4:	Pages 100 to 104#
September 11:	Pages 104# to 108*
September 18:	Pages 108* to 113#
September 25:	Pages 113# to 119#

# To or from chapter heading.

* To or from subheading.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **A new peak of 16,147 publishers was reached in Denmark during April. There were 3,414 sharing in the auxiliary pioneer service.**

◆ **Guatemala passed the 11,000 mark in publishers with 11,031 reporting in April, a 10-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Puerto Rico had a new peak of 23,632 publishers in April. Their circuit assemblies were attended by 38,504.**

◆ **Thailand reached a new peak of 1,057 publishers in April. A recent series of circuit assemblies was attended by 1,500, with 25 being baptized.**

Question Box

● Who should handle the announcements on the Service Meeting?

The objective of this portion of the Service Meeting is to inform the congregation of details important to carrying out the assigned ministry. Some announcements serve as reminders and are similar week after week. However, all announcements should be expressed clearly. None should be given casually or treated as routine. BRO. NOTE INFO. BOARD

The nature of some announcements may require that they be presented by an elder. Whenever this is the case, it would be the responsibility of the pre~~siding overseer to ar~~range for a well-qualified brother to present the information, even though another brother will be handling the other scheduled announcements. EXPLAIN TO BRO - LOST IN

When a letter that contains information for the congregation includes other information directed to the elders only, an elder should present the information that applies to the congregation. Some letters from the Society that contain specific direction for the congregation may best be read by a qualified elder. Such letters may have to do with ① special letter-writing campaigns in behalf of our brothers experiencing persecution. Some letters may contain detailed information about ② future theocratic activities, such as circuit overseer ③ visits, assemblies, and conventions.

There may be times when an important announcement pertaining to the welfare of the congregation must be made, and the information must be clearly presented. Such announcements would best be made by an elder.

Whether made by elders or ministerial servants, announcements should be given with clarity and conciseness. Following these guidelines will ensure proper relating of instructions to the congregation so that all will move ahead in unity. —Ps. 133:1; 1 Cor. 14:8, 9, 40.

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 2-8

In offering subscriptions

1. Which articles will you feature?
2. How will you use the Topic for Conversation?

OCTOBER 9-15

How can we be positive about

1. Offering subscriptions?
2. Working territory frequently?
3. Objections encountered?

OCTOBER 16-22

Why should we

1. Permit the householder to speak?
2. Not interrupt our partner's presentation?

OCTOBER 23-29

When making return visits

1. What should you note on your house-to-house record?
2. How could you start a Bible study?

OCTOBER 30–NOVEMBER 5

How can good manners be displayed

1. When at the doors?
2. When walking from house to house?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Critical Times to End.

2 Tim. 3:1—Last days are critical.

Luke 21:28—Deliverance is near.

Praise Jah by Obtaining Subscriptions

1 What a joy it is to receive each new issue of *Awake!* This fine journal helps us keep up-to-date on world happenings as they relate to Bible prophecy. Thus, we can better appreciate our opportunities to praise Jehovah.—Amos 3:7; Heb. 13:15.

2 So far in 1989, *Awake!* has featured such engaging subjects as “Who Will Inherit the Earth?” “What Is Happening to Values?” and “Violence—What Can You Do?” Such information enhances our appreciation for *The Watchtower,* which for more than a hundred years has championed God's Kingdom as the real solution to mankind's problems. Together, these magazines have alerted readers to see how present-day happenings mark “the last days” of this old system. (2 Tim. 3:1-5) Of course, April and May of this year saw historic issues of *The Watchtower* boldly exposing wicked Babylon the Great.

SUBSCRIPTIONS SUPPLY SPIRITUAL FOOD

3 During October we will have the privilege of featuring subscriptions to *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or both. Does each member of your family have a personal subscription? If so, then you are better equipped to recommend that others subscribe also. As a regular reader of both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* you can be just as enthusiastic about offering subscriptions as you are in presenting individual copies on magazine day.

4 Do not prejudge whether an individual would like to subscribe, but, rather, let the person respond to your sincere, enthusiastic presentation. One sister was helped to develop a more positive attitude by reflecting on the saying: “You cannot judge a book by its cover.” She learned to be more like Jehovah, who is not partial. (Acts 10:34) In addition to your door-to-door ministry, have you offered subscriptions to your Bible students, those on your magazine route, fellow workers, neighbors, and relatives and while doing street witnessing?

5 Many have had householders say they do not have the money for the subscription at that time. Or they may say it is inconvenient for them to subscribe for some other reason. When that happens and if the person is willing, fill out the subscription blanks right there on the initial call and then return for the contribution later. Be sure to follow up by calling back at the agreed-on time. This emphasizes the importance of keeping accurate house-to-house records.

INFORMAL WITNESSING

6 Although door-to-door work is still the mainstay of our witnessing, we know that informal witnessing is receiving added emphasis these days. It is an excellent means of contacting many of those who are not at home when we work from house to house. And what about those with whom you

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Make Full-Time Service Your Career

1 A work that bears directly on fulfilling our dedication and attaining everlasting life is the Christian ministry. (Rom. 10:10; 1 Tim. 4:16) When Jesus invited others to be his followers, he made it clear that this included declaring abroad the Kingdom of God. (Luke 9:57-62) Although our responding to this invitation may not require a change of employment, it definitely involves a change in priorities. A most important work is to “declare abroad the excellencies” of Jehovah, which includes making disciples. (1 Pet. 2:9; Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) All who are wholly dedicated to Jehovah, therefore, center their lives around the ministry. Many whose personal circumstances permit have been able to make the full-time service their career.—2 Cor. 4:1, 7.

A REWARDING WAY OF LIFE

2 In looking back on 54 years of full-time service, a pioneer was moved to write: “The joys that Jehovah has given far outweigh the tribulations. If I were given the opportunity to live my life over again, I would willingly spend all my time praising the great God, Jehovah.” No worldly career or profession could bring the kind of deep inner satisfaction and joy that results from such a course. Pursuing a life of full-time service is an expression of godly devotion that holds out inestimable rewards now and sure blessings to be realized in the future.—1 Tim. 4:8.

3 A career in the full-time ministry can bring great happiness because it involves so much giving. (Acts 20:35) The most valuable friendships, those with Jehovah and his Son Jesus Christ, are cultivated and strengthened by becoming more fully involved with Kingdom interests. (Luke 16:9; 1 Cor. 15:58)

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 2

Song 1

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

20 min: "Praise Jah by Obtaining Subscriptions." Question-and-answer consideration. Demonstrate use of Topic for Conversation and include suggestion made in paragraph 5.

15 min: How we will place subscriptions. Two Congregation Book Study conductors discuss how they will encourage publishers in their respective groups to have full share in placing subscriptions. Consider opportunities for individual publishers in various situations in life. May relate one or two brief experiences showing how subscriptions have been obtained in local territory.

Song 5 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 9

Song 9

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Advise congregation of any contribution acknowledgments from Society. Express appreciation for financial support of local congregation. Encourage all publishers to share in field service this weekend. Suggest talking points from current magazines that may be used in offering either subscriptions or individual copies of *Awake!* or *The Watchtower*.

25 min: "Make Full-Time Service Your Career." Question-and-answer discussion of article, followed by interview of full-time ministers who can relate how they were encouraged to make the full-time ministry their career. What blessings have they enjoyed? Why would they encourage others to take up the full-time ministry as a career? BB

10 min: Report number of subscriptions turned in thus far and relate selected experiences.

Song 17 and concluding prayer.

RW
WB

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 16

Song 40 RG

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. TR

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Magazines." Question-and-answer consideration. After discussing paragraph 5, have well-prepared publisher give three 30- to 60-second magazine presentations. Each presentation should be to a different householder with differing circumstances. The publisher should demonstrate familiarity with the magazines and flexibility in using points that appropriately fit the householder's circumstances. AW

15 min: "New Releases Help Us Train With Godly Devotion." Enthusiastic talk encouraging all to become thoroughly familiar with new releases. May include one or two selected brief expressions of appreciation from brothers who have read and used publications.

Song 51 and concluding prayer.

JM
KW

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 23

Song 69 RM

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to be out in field service this weekend. Demonstrate two 30- to 60-second presentations using the latest magazines.

20 min: Question-and-answer discussion of "Family Cooperation Brings Benefits." To be handled by an elder who is a family head. J

15 min: Talk on "Are You Always Late?" based on pages 21-3 of the June 8, 1989, *Awake!* A

Song 73 and concluding prayer.

RJ

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 30

Song 52

10 min: Local announcements. DS

20 min: Preach the Word during November. Talk encouraging full participation in field service during November. Jehovah's inspired Word is clearly presented for all to read and study in the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. Along with the Bible, we will present the new brochure *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* Help honesthearted people see the fallacy of the God-dishonoring doctrine of the Trinity that Christendom declares to be its central or main teaching. By helping sincere people learn the truth about the one God and Father, Jehovah, we will be directing them onto the road to everlasting life. (John 17:3; 1 Cor. 8:6) Conclude presentation with one or two brief demonstrations of how this literature offer can be made in your local territory using new Topic for Conversation. D

15 min: Local needs or encouraging talk based on "Why Fear God, Not Men?" from pages 4-7 of the June 1 1989, *Watchtower*. Slant material to needs of congregation. K + C

Song 57 and concluding prayer. D

Career *(Cont'd)*

Contentment and a clear conscience are experienced because you are acting in a whole-souled way in accord with your circumstances. Your more disciplined way of life enables you to accomplish more in obedience to Christ's command to 'seek first the kingdom and his righteousness.'—Matt. 6:33.

BE PROGRESSIVE IN YOUR MINISTRY

4 A career involves pursuit of progressive achievement in some field or endeavor. Progressive achievement is important to endurance and to maintaining joy and zeal as a pioneer. Through his organization, Jehovah provides spiritual education at congregation meetings and at assemblies. Added to this are meetings with the elders in December and with the circuit overseer when he visits. During the week of the circuit assembly, a special session is arranged for pioneers. Do you take notes and conscientiously apply the fine suggestions given at such meetings?

5 If you are not conducting a progressive Bible study, do you have this as a goal? Could you improve your introductions at the doors or the way you deal with objections common in your territory? Have you considered the privilege of working unassigned territory or even transferring temporarily or permanently to assist a congregation needing help? In these and many other ways, you may be able to progress in your career and refine your abilities in accomplishing God's work.

6 If you are seriously considering joining the many who are taking up the pioneer work this fall, persist in prayer to Jehovah about the matter. (Matt. 7:7, 8) Many have built up their reliance on Jehovah by first serving as auxiliary pioneers.

7 It is not some unusual ability or gift that enables a person to pioneer. A genuine love for God and for people, along with a willingness to make personal sacrifices, is needed. (Matt. 22:37-39; Phil. 4:13) The Christian ministry can help you cultivate qualities that must be evident in those who will survive Armageddon. Pursuing it full time can enhance your love, faith, joy, and peace. (Gal. 5:22, 23) So reach out for and hold on to the pioneer ministry as your treasured career!

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1990

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1990 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [*bi12*], *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], *Reasoning From the Scriptures* [*rs*], and *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* [*pe*] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song, prayer, and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or by a qualified ministerial servant. It will be based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial."* This assignment should be delivered as a 10- to 12-minute instruction talk with a 3- to 5-minute oral review following, using the printed questions in the section. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. Where needed, a theme should be selected. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

The brothers assigned this talk should be careful to keep within the time limit. Private counsel may be given if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder or by a ministerial servant assigned by the school overseer. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Check *Watchtower* issues for further highlight material. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. This will apply in the main school as well as in the auxiliary groups. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to sisters. The subjects for this talk will alternate between the *Reasoning* and *Live Forever* books, the latter to be mainly assigned to young or new students. The student assigned should be able to read. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. It is preferred that settings involve field service or informal witnessing. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration. The student should use the theme shown.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned to a brother or a sister. This talk will be based on the *Reasoning* book. When assigned to a brother, this should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the brother to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable audience-type setting, the brother may choose to develop his talk accordingly. The student should use the theme shown. When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk, the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather, he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. If the student speaker merits solely a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle the box, where the "G," "I," or "W" would normally appear, of the speech quality that the student should work on next. He will advise the student of this that evening as well as show this speech quality on the student's next Theocratic Ministry School Assignment slip (S-89). Those giving talks should sit toward the front of the hall. This will save time and enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student. As time allows after the giving of necessary oral counsel, comments may be given by the counselor on informative and practical points not covered by the students. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than a total of two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk. If the Bible highlights presentation left something to be desired, private counsel may be given.

PREPARING TALKS: Brothers giving Assignment No. 1 should select a theme where needed. Students assigned the second talk should choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material. Students assigned the third and fourth talks should use the theme shown. Prior to giving the talk, students will want to read over the *School Guidebook* material dealing with the speech quality being worked on.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the counselor. Talks No. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. The one assigned to give the "stop signal" should do so promptly. When brothers handling Assignment No. 1 go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, excluding song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEW: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper. The school overseer will read off all answers and concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 50 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Of course, unbaptized persons whose lives conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

ABSENTEES: All in the congregation can show appreciation for this school by endeavoring to be present at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 Bible reading: Luke 2 and 3

Song No. 14

No. 1: Introduction to Galatians (*si* pp. 216-17 pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Luke 3:7-22
No. 3: Jesus Set Example in Honoring God's Name (*pe* chap. 22 pars. 1-4)
No. 4: Jehovah's Witnesses Not an American Religion, Not a Cult (*rs* p. 201 pars. 1-3; p. 202 pars. 1, 2)

Jan. 8 Bible reading: Luke 4 and 5

Song No. 156

No. 1: Galatians 1:1 to 3:29 (*si* p. 217 pars. 7-10)
No. 2: Luke 4:16-30
No. 3: Jehovah's Witnesses Not a New Religion (*rs* p. 202 par. 3 to p. 203 par. 3)
No. 4: Why We Believe Only We Have the Right Religion (*rs* p. 203 pars. 4, 5)

Jan. 15 Bible reading: Luke 6 and 7

Song No. 215

No. 1: Galatians 4:1 to 6:18 (*si* pp. 217-18 pars. 11-13)
No. 2: Luke 6:20-38
No. 3: Why We Have Taken the Name Jehovah's Witnesses (*pe* chap. 22 pars. 5, 6)
No. 4: Basis for Judging True Religion (*rs* p. 204 par. 1)

Jan. 22 Bible reading: Luke 8 and 9

Song No. 122

No. 1: Introduction to Ephesians (*si* pp. 219-20 pars. 1-8)
No. 2: Luke 9:1-17
No. 3: Keys to Understanding the Bible (*rs* p. 204 par. 2 to p. 205 par. 3)
No. 4: Why Jehovah's Witnesses Have Made Adjustments in Their Teachings (*rs* p. 205 par. 4)

Jan. 29 Bible reading: Luke 10 and 11

Song No. 72

No. 1: Ephesians 1:1 to 3:21 (*si* p. 220 pars. 9-11)
No. 2: Luke 11:1-20
No. 3: Who Only Today Are Preaching God's Kingdom? (*pe* chap. 22 pars. 7-9)
No. 4: House-to-House Preaching Scriptural and Effective (*rs* p. 206 pars. 1-4)

Feb. 5 Bible reading: Luke 12 and 13

Song No. 106

No. 1: Ephesians 4:1 to 6:24 (*si* pp. 220-1 pars. 12-15)
No. 2: Luke 12:32-48
No. 3: Why Are Jehovah's Witnesses Persecuted? (*rs* p. 207 pars. 1, 2)
No. 4: Jesus Christ Was a Historical Person (*rs* p. 209)

Feb. 12 Bible reading: Luke 14 to 16

Song No. 170

No. 1: Introduction to Philippians (*si* pp. 222-3 pars. 1-7)
No. 2: Luke 14:16-35
No. 3: The True Religion Respects God's Word (*pe* chap. 22 pars. 10-13)
No. 4: Jesus Not Just a Good Man (*rs* p. 210 par. 1)

Feb. 19 Bible reading: Luke 17 and 18

Song No. 210

No. 1: Philippians 1:1 to 2:30 (*si* p. 223 pars. 8, 9)
No. 2: Luke 17:5-21
No. 3: Jesus No Mere Self-Constituted Prophet (*rs* p. 210 par. 2)
No. 4: Why Most Jews Failed to Accept Jesus as Their Messiah (*rs* p. 211)

Feb. 26 Bible reading: Luke 19 and 20

Song No. 186

No. 1: Philippians 3:1 to 4:23 (*si* p. 223 pars. 10, 11)
No. 2: Luke 20:21-40
No. 3: The True Religion Keeps Separate From the World (*pe* chap. 22 pars. 14, 15)
No. 4: How We Know That Jesus Is Not Actually God (*rs* p. 212 pars. 1, 2)

Mar. 5 Bible reading: Luke 21 and 22

Song No. 91

No. 1: Introduction to Colossians (*si* pp. 224-5 pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Luke 22:7-23
No. 3: What John 1:1 Does and Does Not Say (*rs* p. 212 pars. 4-6)
No. 4: John 20:28 Does Not Prove That Jesus Was God (*rs* p. 213)

Mar. 12 Bible reading: Luke 23 and 24

Song No. 218

No. 1: Colossians 1:1 to 2:7 (*si* p. 225 pars. 6-8)
No. 2: Luke 24:36-53
No. 3: Love Among Themselves Identifies Those Having the True Religion (*pe* chap. 22 pars. 16-18)
No. 4: Why Matthew 1:23 Does Not Prove That Jesus Was God (*rs* p. 214 pars. 1-3)

Mar. 19 Bible reading: John 1 to 3

Song No. 173

No. 1: Colossians 2:8 to 4:18 (*si* pp. 225-6 pars. 9-11)
No. 2: John 1:1-18
No. 3: Why John 5:18 Does Not Prove That Jesus Is Jehovah (*rs* p. 214 pars. 4, 5)
No. 4: Why Jesus Is Not One to Be Worshiped (*rs* p. 214 par. 6 to p. 215 par. 2)

Mar. 26 Bible reading: John 4 and 5

Song No. 217

No. 1: Introduction to 1 Thessalonians (*si* p. 227 pars. 1-5)
No. 2: John 4:16-38
No. 3: Why There Can Be Only One True Religion (*pe* chap. 22 pars. 19, 20)
No. 4: Miracles Jesus Performed Do Not Prove That He Was God (*rs* p. 215 par. 3 to p. 216 par. 1)

Apr. 2 Bible reading: John 6 and 7

Song No. 150

No. 1: 1 Thessalonians 1:1 to 3:13 (*si* p. 228 pars. 6-8)
No. 2: John 6:52-71
No. 3: More Than Belief in Jesus Necessary for Salvation (*rs* p. 216 par. 3)
No. 4: Jesus Had a Prehuman Existence (*rs* p. 216 par. 4 to p. 217 par. 1)

Apr. 9 Bible reading: John 8 and 9

Song No. 121

No. 1: 1 Thessalonians 4:1 to 5:28 (*si* pp. 228-9 pars. 9-12)
No. 2: John 8:31-47
No. 3: Why We Know God Has a Visible Organization (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 1-3)
No. 4: Jesus Did Not Take His Fleshly Body to Heaven (*rs* p. 217 pars. 2-5)

Apr. 16 Bible reading: John 10 and 11

Song No. 42

No. 1: Introduction to 2 Thessalonians (*si* p. 230 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: John 10:1-18
No. 3: Jesus Is the Same Person as Michael (*rs* p. 218 pars. 1-3)
No. 4: Jehovah's Witnesses Believe in Jesus (*rs* p. 219 pars. 1-3)

Apr. 23 Bible reading: John 12 and 13

Song No. 200

No. 1: 2 Thessalonians 1:1 to 3:18 (*si* pp. 230-1 pars. 5-9)
No. 2: John 13:21-35
No. 3: What Shows That God Guided His Servants in an Organized Way? (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 4-6)
No. 4: Jehovah's Witnesses Accept Jesus Christ as the Savior (*rs* p. 219 par. 4 to p. 220 par. 1)

Apr. 30 Written Review. Complete Luke 2 to John 13

Song No. 111

May 7 Bible reading: John 14 to 16

Song No. 159
No. 1: Introduction to 1 Timothy (*si* p. 232 pars. 1-6)
No. 2: John 15:1-19
No. 3: Jews Today No Longer God's Chosen People (*rs* p. 220 par. 2 to p. 221 par. 3)
No. 4: Not All Jews Will Convert to Christ (*rs* p. 222 pars. 1, 2)

May 14 Bible reading: John 17 and 18

Song No. 198
No. 1: 1 Timothy 1:1 to 3:16 (*si* p. 233 pars. 7-10)
No. 2: John 17:1-19
No. 3: God Uses Just One Organization at a Time (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 7-9)
No. 4: Jews Must Also Put Faith in Jesus Christ to Be Saved (*rs* p. 222 par. 3 to p. 223 par. 1)

May 21 Bible reading: John 19 to 21

Song No. 39
No. 1: 1 Timothy 4:1 to 6:21 (*si* pp. 233-4 pars. 11-14)
No. 2: John 21:9-23
No. 3: Israel Today Not Fulfilling Bible Prophecies (*rs* p. 223 pars. 2-4)
No. 4: Restoration Prophecies Apply to Spiritual Israel (*rs* p. 224 par. 3 to p. 225 par. 3)

May 28 Bible reading: Acts 1 to 3

Song No. 146
No. 1: Introduction to 2 Timothy (*si* p. 235 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Acts 2:22-36
No. 3: First-Century Christians Were Organized (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 10-12)
No. 4: God's Kingdom Is a Real Government (*rs* p. 226 pars. 1, 2)

June 4 Bible reading: Acts 4 to 6

Song No. 92
No. 1: 2 Timothy 1:1 to 2:26 (*si* p. 236 pars. 5, 6)
No. 2: Acts 5:17-32
No. 3: Who Are the Rulers of God's Kingdom? (*rs* p. 226 pars. 3-5)
No. 4: Effect God's Kingdom Will Have on Human Governments (*rs* p. 227 pars. 1, 2)

June 11 Bible reading: Acts 7 and 8

Song No. 43
No. 1: 2 Timothy 3:1 to 4:22 (*si* p. 236 pars. 7-9)
No. 2: Acts 8:25-40
No. 3: A Governing Body Directs Witness Work Today (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 13-16)
No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Uphold Jehovah's Sovereignty and End Satan's Rulership (*rs* p. 227 pars. 3-5)

June 18 Bible reading: Acts 9 and 10

Song No. 16
No. 1: Introduction to Titus (*si* pp. 237-8 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Acts 10:30-48
No. 3: God's Kingdom Will Unify Mankind in Pure Worship (*rs* p. 228 pars. 1, 2)
No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Free Mankind From War and Oppression (*rs* p. 228 par. 3 to p. 229 par. 2)

June 25 Bible reading: Acts 11 to 13

Song No. 30
No. 1: Titus 1:1 to 3:15 (*si* p. 238 pars. 5-7)
No. 2: Acts 12:1-17
No. 3: How Teaching Work Is Carried On Today (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 17-23)
No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Provide Abundant Food and End Sickness (*rs* p. 229 pars. 3-5)

July 2 Bible reading: Acts 14 to 16

Song No. 112
No. 1: Philemon: Introduction and Contents (*si* pp. 239-40 pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Acts 15:13-29
No. 3: God's Kingdom Will Provide Homes and Satisfying Employment for All (*rs* p. 229 pars. 6, 7)
No. 4: Security and Justice Assured by God's Kingdom (*rs* p. 230 pars. 1-4)

July 9 Bible reading: Acts 17 to 19

Song No. 28
No. 1: Hebrews: Written by Paul and Inspired (*si* p. 241 pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Acts 17:22-34
No. 3: Purposes Served by Our Various Meetings (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 24-28)
No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Resurrect the Dead and End Adamic Death (*rs* p. 230 par. 6 to p. 231 par. 3)

July 16 Bible reading: Acts 20 and 21

Song No. 116
No. 1: Hebrews: When and Why Written (*si* pp. 241-2 pars. 6-9)
No. 2: Acts 20:17-35
No. 3: God's Kingdom Will Make Earth a Paradise (*rs* p. 231 par. 5 to p. 232 par. 3)
No. 4: God's Kingdom Was Not Established in First Century (*rs* p. 232 pars. 4-6)

July 23 Bible reading: Acts 22 to 24

Song No. 105
No. 1: Hebrews 1:1 to 4:16 (*si* p. 242 pars. 10-12)
No. 2: Acts 24:9-23
No. 3: Why and When We Observe Lord's Evening Meal (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 29, 30)
No. 4: What Indicates That We Are Living in the Last Days? (*rs* p. 234 par. 2)

July 30 Bible reading: Acts 25 and 26

Song No. 123
No. 1: Hebrews 5:1 to 7:28 (*si* p. 243 pars. 13-16)
No. 2: Acts 26:8-23
No. 3: Total War, a Sign of the Last Days (*rs* p. 234 par. 3 to p. 235 par. 2)
No. 4: Last Days Marked by Famines and Earthquakes (*rs* p. 235 par. 3 to p. 236 par. 2)

Aug. 6 Bible reading: Acts 27 and 28

Song No. 144
No. 1: Hebrews 8:1 to 10:39 (*si* pp. 243-4 pars. 17-19)
No. 2: Acts 28:17-31
No. 3: Jehovah's Having a Visible Organization Requires What of Us? (*pe* chap. 23 pars. 31, 32)
No. 4: Pestilence and Lawlessness, Marks of the Last Days (*rs* p. 236 par. 3 to p. 237 par. 2)

Aug. 13 Bible reading: Romans 1 to 3

Song No. 113
No. 1: Hebrews 11:1 to 13:25 (*si* p. 244 pars. 20-22)
No. 2: Romans 1:8-23
No. 3: Marks of Last Days: Preaching Work and Persecution of Christians (*rs* p. 238 pars. 2, 3)
No. 4: Last Days Point to What, and How Do Historians View Last Days? (*rs* p. 239 pars. 1, 3 to p. 240 par. 1)

Aug. 20 Bible reading: Romans 4 to 6

Song No. 222
No. 1: James: Written by Whom? (*si* p. 246 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Romans 6:8-23
No. 3: To Whom Was the Mosaic Law Given, and Why? (*pe* chap. 24 pars. 1-4)
No. 4: Some Will Survive World's End (*rs* p. 240 pars. 2-5)

Aug. 27 Written Review. Complete John 14 to Romans 6

Song No. 181

Sept. 3 Bible reading: Romans 7 to 9

Song No. 142

No. 1: James: Authenticity, Why Written (*si* pp. 246-7 pars. 5-7)
No. 2: Romans 8:26-39
No. 3: Why God Has Allowed Wickedness So Long (*rs* p. 241 pars. 1-3)
No. 4: Answering Objections to These Being the Last Days (*rs* p. 241 par. 5 to p. 242 par. 2)

Sept. 10 Bible reading: Romans 10 to 12

Song No. 23

No. 1: James 1:1 to 2:26 (*si* p. 247 pars. 8-10)
No. 2: Romans 12:1-16
No. 3: What Follows Since Christ Made an End to the Law? (*pe* chap. 24 pars. 5-9)
No. 4: How the Purpose of Life Can Be Realized (*rs* p. 243 par. 3; p. 244 pars. 3, 4)

Sept. 17 Bible reading: Romans 13 to 16

Song No. 88

No. 1: James 3:1 to 5:20 (*si* pp. 247-8 pars. 11-14)
No. 2: Romans 15:1-16
No. 3: We Were Not Simply to Live a Few Years and Die (*rs* p. 245 pars. 1-3)
No. 4: Was Our Life Simply to Be One of Suffering? (*rs* p. 245 par. 5 to p. 246 par. 2)

Sept. 24 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1 to 3

Song No. 48

No. 1: Introduction to 1 Peter (*si* p. 249 pars. 1-5)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 3:1-15
No. 3: What Laws Apply to Christians? (*pe* chap. 24 pars. 10, 11)
No. 4: What Basis Is There for Hope of Future Life? (*rs* p. 246 pars. 5-7)

Oct. 1 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 4 to 6

Song No. 207

No. 1: 1 Peter 1:1 to 3:22 (*si* p. 250 pars. 6-8)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11, 15-20
No. 3: How Will Prospects for Future Life Be Realized? (*rs* p. 246 pars. 8, 9)
No. 4: Why Legal Requirements Must Be Met in Marriage (*rs* p. 248 par. 2 to p. 249 par. 2)

Oct. 8 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 7 to 9

Song No. 115

No. 1: 1 Peter 4:1 to 5:14 (*si* p. 250 pars. 9, 10)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 9:11-27
No. 3: What Is the Law of Christ That Christians Are to Fulfill? (*pe* chap. 24 pars. 12-14)
No. 4: Polygamy Not for Christians Even if Legal (*rs* p. 250 pars. 1, 2)

Oct. 15 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 10 to 12

Song No. 213

No. 1: Introduction to 2 Peter (*si* p. 252 pars. 1-3)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, 31-33
No. 3: Why Polygamy, Once Allowed, Is Not for Christians (*rs* p. 250 par. 3 to p. 251 par. 2)
No. 4: Is Separation Permissible When Marriage Is Difficult? (*rs* p. 251 par. 3)

Oct. 22 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 13 and 14

Song No. 35

No. 1: 2 Peter 1:1 to 2:22 (*si* p. 252 pars. 4, 5)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
No. 3: What Is the World From Which Christians Must Keep Separate? (*pe* chap. 25 pars. 1-4)
No. 4: The Only Grounds for Divorce With Allowance for Remarriage (*rs* p. 252 pars. 1-4)

Oct. 29 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 15 and 16

Song No. 81

No. 1: 2 Peter 3:1-18 (*si* p. 253 pars. 6, 7)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
No. 3: Why God Allowed Brother-Sister Marriage in the Beginning (*rs* p. 252 par. 5 to p. 253 par. 1)
No. 4: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (*rs* p. 253 Nos. 1, 2)

Nov. 5 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 1 to 4

Song No. 191

No. 1: 1 John: Written by Whom? (*si* p. 254 pars. 1-3)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 12-18
No. 3: What Are the Three Main Parts of Satan's World? (*pe* chap. 25 pars. 5-9)
No. 4: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (*rs* p. 253 Nos. 3, 4)

Nov. 12 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 5 to 8

Song No. 117

No. 1: 1 John: Why Written? (*si* pp. 254-5 pars. 4, 5)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 6:3-18
No. 3: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (*rs* p. 254 Nos. 5, 6)
No. 4: What We Can Learn From Bible's Record of Mary (*rs* pp. 254-5 Nos. 1, 2, 5)

Nov. 19 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 9 to 13

Song No. 12

No. 1: 1 John 1:1 to 3:24 (*si* p. 255 pars. 6-8)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
No. 3: Why We Must Be On Guard Against Satan's World (*pe* chap. 25 pars. 10, 11)
No. 4: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (*rs* p. 254 Nos. 7, 8)

Nov. 26 Bible reading: Galatians 1 to 3

Song No. 50

No. 1: 1 John 4:1 to 5:21 (*si* p. 255 pars. 9, 10)
No. 2: Galatians 3:15-29
No. 3: Mary Was Truly a Virgin When She Gave Birth to Jesus (*rs* p. 255 pars. 3, 4)
No. 4: Mary Was Not Always a Virgin (*rs* p. 255 par. 5 to p. 256 par. 2)

Dec. 3 Bible reading: Galatians 4 to 6

Song No. 163

No. 1: 2 John: Introduction and Contents (*si* pp. 256-7 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Galatians 5:13-26
No. 3: How to Be No Part of the World (*pe* chap. 25 pars. 12-14)
No. 4: Mary Was Not Mother of God (*rs* p. 256 par. 3 to p. 257 par. 2)

Dec. 10 Bible reading: Ephesians 1 to 3

Song No. 99

No. 1: 3 John: Introduction and Contents (*si* p. 258 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Ephesians 3:8-21
No. 3: Mary Was Not Immaculately Conceived (*rs* p. 257 par. 3 to p. 258 par. 1)
No. 4: Mary Did Not Ascend to Heaven Bodily (*rs* p. 258 pars. 2, 3)

Dec. 17 Bible reading: Ephesians 4 to 6

Song No. 209

No. 1: Introduction to Jude (*si* p. 259 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Ephesians 5:15-33
No. 3: Why Christians Do Not Celebrate Christmas (*pe* chap. 25 par. 15)
No. 4: Bible Does Not Portray Mary as an Intercessor (*rs* p. 258 pars. 4, 5)

Dec. 24 Bible reading: Philippians 1 to 4

Song No. 22

No. 1: Jude 1-25 (*si* pp. 259-60 pars. 5-7)
No. 2: Philippians 4:4-20
No. 3: Example Jesus Set in Not Venerating His Mother (*rs* p. 259 par. 4 to p. 260 par. 1)
No. 4: What Jesus Meant When He Said: "This Is My Body" (*rs* p. 262 par. 1 to p. 263 par. 2)

Dec. 31 Written Review. Complete Romans 7 to Philippians 4

Song No. 155

Announcements

- Literature offer for **October**: One-year subscription for *Awake!* or *Watchtower,* or both, for a contribution of $5.00 each. Six-month subscriptions to semimonthly magazines and one-year subscriptions to monthly magazines are $2.50 each. There are no six-month subscriptions to monthly magazines. **November**: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and the *Trinity* brochure for $4.30. **December**: *Young People Ask,* for a contribution of $1.50, or *Bible Stories* or *Live Forever* for $3.00. **January and February**: Any 192-page book published prior to 1980 that the congregation has in stock for the reduced contribution of 50¢, with the following exceptions: *Family Life, Great Teacher, This Life, Truth,* and *Youth.* There is a limited supply of *Commentary on James* that may be ordered from Brooklyn. (For obtaining credit, elders should refer to the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988.) If the congregation has no stock of books to be offered at the reduced rate, the *Worldwide Security* book should be offered for a contribution of $1.00. These books may be ordered from Brooklyn.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—Large print (set of four volumes) —Spanish
    - Volume #1 (Genesis-Second Samuel)
    - Volume #2 (First Kings-Song of Solomon)
    - Volume #3 (Isaiah-Malachi)
    - Volume #4 (Matthew-Revelation)
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding,* Volume 5 (Jiz-Lez) —Dutch
  - *Listening to the Great Teacher* —Polish
  - *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work* —Danish, Norwegian, Portuguese
  - *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* —Portuguese
  - *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* —Arabic
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1951-1985* —Japanese
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1981-1985* —German
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) — Polish
  - *Everlasting Life in Paradise!* —Iban
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Bicol, Gilbertese, Ibanag, Pangasinan, Samar-Leyte, Samoan, Tongan, Tuvaluan
  - *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* —Danish, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Nauruan
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* (set of four cassettes in an album; congregation and public: $8.00; pioneers: $6.00) —Chinese (Cantonese)
  - *Daniel* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Japanese

Family Cooperation Brings Benefits

1 The family unit is the oldest of all human institutions. It is precious to Jehovah, since to him "every family in heaven and on earth owes its name."—Eph. 3:15.

2 In Bible times, the father had the prime responsibility to see that the family was fully theocratic. So it is today. (Josh. 24:15; Eph. 6:1-4) To take care of all necessary family matters is a challenge. How can this be accomplished? By family cooperation and organization.—1 Cor. 14:40.

AS THE HEAD, TAKE THE LEAD

3 The spirituality of all is a chief concern. The family study should be held on a regular basis and tailored to the needs of the family. This should be true also of the consideration of the day's text. What a fine thing to start the day off with a discussion of the Word of God! Meditating upon it during the day will help us to 'keep considering things that are chaste, lovable, and well spoken of.' (Phil. 4:8) Can you make improvement in this?

4 In addition to the family study, a personal study program is important. The words at Joshua 1:8 apply with equal force to each of us individually: "This book of the law should not depart from your mouth, and you must in an undertone read in it day and night, in order that you may take care to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way successful and then you will act wisely."

5 It is a challenge to be on time for congregation meetings. This too requires cooperation. Direction from the family head will ensure that assistance is provided where needed. This will enable all to arrive in time to share in the opening song and prayer. NO ONE LEAVES EARLY

6 With so many elements working against the unity of the family arrangement, it is vital that the family head take the lead in prayer. (2 Tim. 3:1-5) "Persevere in prayer" is the admonition of Paul at Romans 12:12. Doing this on a regular basis can help cement the family together. This prayer should be in addition to the individual prayers of the family members.

PREPARE

7 Included in our worship of Jehovah is the making known of his name. Family practice sessions will help all to be prepared for the ministry. A fine instrument that we can use is the *Reasoning* book. Introductions may be selected from pages 9-15 to complement the Topic for Conversation. Appropriate suggestions for improvement may be made by the family head.

8 Is it possible for one or more members of the family to be in the full-time service? (1 Cor. 16:9) This will call for good cooperation and organization on the part of all in the family. By simplifying their lifestyle and being resourceful, many families are having this joy and privilege.

9 Although the father or family head is to take the lead, each member needs to remember that he is individually responsible to help the family in the worship of Jehovah. Looking out for the interests of all will make for a happy and united family.

New Releases Help Us Train With Godly Devotion

1 Having attended this year's district convention, we are more keenly aware of the need to be training ourselves with godly devotion as our aim. (1 Tim. 4:7) As we reflect on all the information presented on the program and strive to apply it in our daily living, we are helped to draw closer to Jehovah in true worship.

2 However, our training in godly devotion will be particularly enhanced as we progressively digest the wealth of information set out in the three new releases received at the "Godly Devotion" District Convention. Have you already read these new releases?

A NEW BROCHURE

3 The convincing Scriptural arguments employed in the brochure *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* help us not only to establish that the Trinity is a false doctrine to be rejected but also to explain to others the truth about God, his Son, and the holy spirit.

4 Our Bible-based position is that "there is actually to us one God the Father." (1 Cor. 8:6) This new brochure will help us expose the fallacy of the pagan doctrine of the Trinity as we encourage all meek ones to 'let God be proved true, even though every man be proved a liar.'—Rom. 3:4.

ANSWERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

5 We will not soon forget the straightforward convention talk and the special arrangement for releasing the book *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work.* Although it was provided for the benefit of

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Magazines

1 Ecclesiastes 12:12 observes, "To the making of many books there is no end." Those words have proved true in our day as high-speed printing presses send forth billions of pages of printed material, all vying for the attention of readers. The availability of so much printed material presents a challenge to publishers of the Kingdom good news. How can we convince individuals that *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* are the most worthwhile magazines published today?

VALUABLE MAGAZINES

2 It is good to examine our personal attitude toward *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Do you view the magazines as precious, eagerly looking forward to each new issue? Do you schedule time to read all the articles? If we personally appreciate the magazines, our genuine enthusiasm and heartfelt conviction will help us to be successful in offering them to others.

3 People in our territory need the valuable information contained in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* just as we do. We benefited from the articles that thoroughly exposed the wickedness of false religion's clergy and explained prophetic warnings about the impending destruction of Babylon the Great. In the September 15, 1989, *Watchtower,* the subject "What Must We Do to Be Saved?" gave practical encouragement about our conduct and course of life. Recent *Awake!* articles have focused on man's mismanagement of earth's environment and God's promises for restoring the earth to a paradise. What an abundant supply of spiritual food these magazines provide to awaken in people a consciousness of their spiritual need!

KNOW YOUR MAGAZINES

4 How can we convince a person that he will benefit from reading the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines? The best way is to show him a specific point that may be interesting and relevant to him. To do this effectively requires that we be thoroughly familiar with the magazines and prepare in advance. Such preparation begins with our personal reading of the magazines before we use them in the field. As you read, be alert to points that could be used in the ministry. Why not mark these points in your personal copies of the magazines and then review your notes when you prepare for field service with that issue?

5 As you do your personal reading of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* it is also good to think about which articles will be of special interest to certain people in your territory. Are there articles that would appeal particularly to doctors, lawyers, or teachers? In this regard, do not forget to look at the notices about articles in future issues so that you can plan ahead and order any additional copies you may need. Making lists of individuals to whom you wish to offer these magazines can be very helpful.

6 After speaking about the making of many books, Ecclesiastes 12:12 says that "much devotion to them is wearisome to the flesh." Reading worldly literature can be wearisome because it provides no spiritual refreshment. In contrast, how thankful we are to have a full share in distributing the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines, which honor Jehovah and proclaim his name and Kingdom! —Prov. 3:9.

New Releases *(Cont'd)*

young people, parents, especially fathers, were urged to take the lead in using the book to train their children and 'bring them up in the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah.' —Eph. 6:4.

6 Parents and children alike should become thoroughly familiar with this vital information provided by Jehovah's organization to help young ones go on training in godly devotion. As indicated in the convention talk, this can be done in family discussions.

GOD'S WORD—NOT MAN'S

7 *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?,* the new book released on Saturday, is designed to help honesthearted people understand that the Bible is inspired and that it contains "the truth which accords with godly devotion." (Titus 1:1) What a boon to our work this new book should prove to be! But in order to use it effectively in the field, we must become personally acquainted with its instructive features and be able to direct attention to specific points in the book when using it in field service.

8 How grateful to Jehovah all of us are for the abundance of timely spiritual food received at the "Godly Devotion" District Convention! Let us be resolved to demonstrate our heartfelt appreciation through diligent use of these provisions in our pursuit of godly devotion. This would include using these provisions in helping others to become worshipers of our one God and Father, Jehovah.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **Jehovah's Witnesses were given legal status in Poland on May 18 and in Hungary on June 27.**
- **Mexico had their 67th consecutive peak in publishers, 274,599, a 16-percent increase. They had a peak in May of 425,328 Bible studies.**
- **Spain had a new peak of 77,828 publishers in May, a 9-percent increase, their eighth peak for the service year.**
- **Switzerland had a new peak of 15,897 publishers in May.**
- **Zambia had a new peak of 70,700 publishers in May, a 9-percent increase. Bible studies increased to 97,734.**

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	203	121.3	79.5	50.6	5.1
Pios.	59,203	69.3	29.9	23.0	2.5
Aux. Pios.	30,260	59.0	23.6	13.8	1.2
Pubs.	711,536	10.0	6.0	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	801,202				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 12,026

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!:*

October 2: Pages 119[#] to 124[△]
October 9: Pages 124[△] to 129[#]
October 16: Pages 129[#] to 134[*]
October 23: Pages 134[*] to 141[▣]
October 30: Entire page 139

[#] To or from chapter heading.
[△] To or from second subheading.
[*] To or from subheading.
[▣] Except for page 139.

Subscriptions *(Cont'd)*

work secularly? During one subscription campaign month, a brother decided to witness discreetly to his workmates. He initially set his goal at ten subscriptions for the month. However, he was quite surprised when he reached that goal in two days. Imagine his joy when he was able to report 68 subscriptions for the month!

7 During October we may offer the subscriptions as we go from door to door, when we make return visits, and when we witness informally. When the subscription is refused, we may say something like this: "Although you do not wish to subscribe at this time, I believe you would enjoy this issue we have just discussed. We are leaving it with this companion magazine for a contribution of just 50¢." Many magazines are placed in this way.

8 The psalmist urges us: "Praise Jah, you people." (Ps. 147:1) How fitting it is for us to praise Jehovah during October by offering subscriptions to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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817,881 IN THE FIELD!

In August a new peak of 817,881 publishers was reached here in the United States! This exceeds our previous peak in April by 13,363—a fitting climax to a very fine year in field service. We now look forward with great anticipation to the monthly reports of the 1990 service year and to further blessings from Jehovah. Let us press on, then, with our commission to 'make disciples,' teaching them to "fear God and give him glory."—Matt. 28:19; Rev. 14:7.

Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 6-12

Offering the *New World Translation*

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. What features will you highlight?

NOVEMBER 13-19

How can you use the *Trinity* brochure

1. In connection with Bible offer?
2. When offer is declined?

NOVEMBER 20-26

Witnessing during holiday period

1. How will you present the literature offer?
2. What magazine article will you feature?

NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 3

Introductions

1. How can we show friendliness?
2. What subjects interest householders locally?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why Study the Bible?
2 Tim. 3:16, 17—God's Word is beneficial.
John 17:3—Can lead to everlasting life.

New World Translation Aids Kingdom Seekers

[1] Isaiah foretold a time when "darkness itself will cover the earth, and thick gloom the national groups." (Isa. 60:2) That time has come. As "sons of the light," we have the marvelous privilege of bringing enlightenment to people in our assigned territory. (Luke 16:8) During the month of November, we are going to do this by offering the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* so that honesthearted ones may come "out of darkness into his wonderful light."—1 Pet. 2:9.

[2] The Bible illuminates the minds and hearts of those who read and apply it. Even secular authorities have recognized its inestimable value. Nations have based many of their just laws on its righteous principles. It gives sound counsel on how to live now, and it outlines what we must do to survive the impending world destruction and gain everlasting life in the righteous new world.—John 17:3.

VALUE OF *NEW WORLD TRANSLATION*

[3] The *New World Translation* is a powerful aid in helping sheeplike persons learn the truth. It properly restores Jehovah's name to the text in both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Greek Scriptures. It omits spurious passages, such as at 1 John 5:7. It correctly renders passages that have been mistranslated by others who were influenced by false religious doctrines, such as the Trinity. It accurately translates the original languages into clear, understandable, modern English.

[4] Those who sincerely seek God's Kingdom will be aided greatly by having and reading their own copy of the *New World Translation*. We will offer it along with the brochure *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* for a contribution of $4.30. By now, we have had time to read the brochure carefully. Prepare well for making this offer. Schedule time to review the brochure, looking for talking points to use in offering it. It may well be that the brochure will arouse the householder's interest. If we make return visits on each placement, Bible studies may be started in due time.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

[5] Excellent introductions that can be used when offering the Bible are found on page 10 of the *Reasoning* book. Also, the information on pages 58-68 and 276-80 can help you answer the objections of those having little knowledge of God's Word. Additional background information on the Bible can be found on pages 307-13 of *Insight*, Volume 1. You

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Keeping Kingdom Interests First

[1] Those who are applying Jesus' counsel to seek first the Kingdom find that they have to set priorities in their lives. (Matt. 6:33) They also find that following Jesus' counsel makes it possible for them to overcome obstacles. Commendably, many brothers and sisters with unbelieving family members faithfully continue to keep Kingdom interests first.

[2] How convincingly Jesus demonstrated that he put the Kingdom first in his life! When on trial before Pilate, he remained steadfast. (John 18:36, 37) Yes, even as he hung dying on the stake, he continued to stress the hope of God's Kingdom, saying to the evildoer: "You will be with me in Paradise."—Luke 23:43.

COUNTING THE COST

[3] Why did Jesus view the Kingdom as so important? He had been sent from heaven to "bear witness to the truth" that God's Kingdom would rule in righteousness and make it possible for His will to be done on earth as in heaven. What great joy then to share in carrying out Jehovah's will to transform the earth into the Paradise that was originally purposed! Yes, what blessings are in store for believing mankind under Kingdom rule!

[4] Imitating Jesus as an advocate of God's Kingdom includes carrying a "torture stake" and all that this involves. 'Counting the cost' means that a person must be prepared to say "good-bye" to material belongings if they stand in the way of his service to God. (Luke 14:27, 28, 33) At the same time, Jesus encouraged all to be his followers and to share the good news with others. The attaining of everlasting life under Kingdom rule is worth any cost.—Matt. 13:44-46.

STOP BEING ANXIOUS

[5] The passing of 19 centuries has not diminished the need to keep Kingdom interests first in our lives. It is good to ask ourselves if serving Jehovah is really of greatest importance to us. Jesus explained: "No one

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 6

Song 23 CO VISIT

W **8 min**: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Emphasize those announcements needing early attention, such as literature offer for month and ordering *Yearbook*. Discuss talking points in current magazines. Briefly demonstrate magazine presentations that can be used in field service this week.

17 min: *"New World Translation* Aids Kingdom Seekers." Question-and-answer consideration. Draw attention to helpful points in *Reasoning* book and information in *Insight*. When discussing paragraph 5, have a brief demonstration by publisher using *Reasoning* book references when offering Bible. Also, demonstrate how Topic for Conversation may be used. Highlight need for preparation.

20 min: Stimulate Interest for Future Calls. Talk and demonstrations. It is important that we be tactful and kind in our ministry. (1 Cor. 9:19-23) Leaving a favorable impression may make it possible for the next publisher who calls to give a more thorough witness. By raising a question as we leave the door, we may be able to stimulate the householder's thinking so that he will look forward to the next visit. He may even want to continue the present conversation if we ask a question about a subject that interests him. It would be good to use subjects found in the *Reasoning* book. Questions such as "Was man created by God to die?" (*rs* p. 98), "Will planet Earth be destroyed in a nuclear war?" (*rs* p. 112), "What is the purpose of human life?" (*rs* p. 243), "How can a person know which religion is right?" (*rs* p. 328), and "Why is there so much wickedness?" (*rs* p. 427) or any others that would be appropriate locally could be selected from the *Reasoning* book. Demonstrate concluding a call where no interest is shown. As publisher leaves, he asks a question, mentioning that he will be glad to answer it the next time he calls. Also, demonstrate how a publisher might use the *Reasoning* book to reply when a householder asks for the answer. Chairman concludes by commenting on need to try to stimulate interest by using thought-provoking questions.

~~Song 98 and~~ concluding prayer.

JA & AW

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 13

Song 204 CM

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Include encouraging comments about Society's acknowledgment of contributions. Outline special field service arrangements for November 23.

DC

10 min: "Young People Ask . . . How Can I Improve at Making Conversation?" Discussion with two or three exemplary youths based on *Awake!* of May 22, 1989, pages 23-5. Emphasis should be placed on ways in which conversation can be started with older people and people in the field ministry. A brief demonstration can be given illustrating suggestions made in these areas.

JM

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Helping One Another Start Bible Studies." Questions and answers. Include two demonstrations of offering Bible study on initial call, using examples given under "Home Bible Study" on page 12 of *Reasoning* book.

DW

10 min: "Are You Responding to God's Just Ways?" Talk based on *The Watchtower,* March 1, 1989, pages 27-9, paragraphs 13-23, emphasizing need to be positive and determined to have a full share in preaching and disciple-making work despite increasing wickedness and injustice.

Song 213 and concluding prayer.

DW CM

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 20

Song 144 DS

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Demonstrate appropriate presentations of current magazines.

Al

15 min: Enthusiastic talk by well-qualified elder on the subject "Planning Ahead." Basis for talk is found in October 1, 1978, issue of *The Watchtower,* pages 18-19, under subheading "Do Not Be Sidetracked!" Emphasize proper planning and not "planning ahead for the desires of the flesh." —Rom. 13:14.

E

20 min: "Planning Ahead for December." Question-and-answer coverage. With paragraph 5, include interview of one or two who have applied some suggestions made in the article. Demonstrate how experienced pioneer might help a zealous publisher make personal schedule for pioneering this December.

Song 123 and concluding prayer.

JM RC

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 27

Song 172

Al

10 min: Local announcements. Question Box. Outline arrangements for field service for this weekend and encourage all to share.

K

20 min: "Keeping Kingdom Interests First." Question-and-answer coverage by well-qualified elder. Read paragraphs as time permits.

J

15 min: Local needs or talk based on article "You Can Move Mountains!" in the December 15, 1988, *Watchtower,* pages 25-7.

Song 129 and concluding prayer.

New World Translation (*Cont'd*)

will find that the time you spend preparing for the ministry will prove to be a blessing to you and to those to whom you speak.—1 Tim. 4:13, 15, 16.

6 Offering the Bible can be done in a simple, direct manner. For example, you might say: "You will notice that the Bible I have uses language that is easy to understand." Then reason on the value of God's Word and how knowledge of it can be of great benefit. Or you could say: "Even though the Bible is the world's best-seller and many homes have one, many do not read it. Some translations are difficult to understand. So getting a modern-language translation may be just the thing that will encourage you to read God's Word."

7 How grateful we can be that Jehovah "has shone on our hearts to illuminate them with the glorious knowledge of God." (2 Cor. 4:6) Let us apply ourselves during the month of November so that we may succeed in helping others enjoy the benefits of the *New World Translation.*

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!:*

November 6: Pages 142 to 148#

November 13: Pages 148# to 154

November 20: Pages 155 to 160

November 27: Pages 161 to 164

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **November:** *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and the *Trinity* brochure for $4.30. **December:** *Young People Ask* book for a contribution of $1.50, or *Bible Stories* or *Live Forever* for $3.00. **January and February:** Any 192-page book published prior to 1980 that the congregation has in stock for the reduced contribution of 50¢, with the following exceptions: *Family Life, Great Teacher, This Life, Truth,* and *Youth.* There is a limited supply of *Commentary on James* that may be ordered from Brooklyn. (For obtaining credit, elders should refer to the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988.) If the congregation has no stock of books to be offered at the reduced rate, the *Worldwide Security* book should be offered for a contribution of $1.00. These books may be ordered from Brooklyn.
- In addition to those languages listed in the August 1989 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* the 1990 Calendar of Jehovah's Witnesses will be available in Polish.
- Congregations should begin ordering the *1990 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* on their November literature orders. (See the 1989 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) The *Yearbook* will be available in Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. Until the *Yearbook* is available and shipments are made, it will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. *Yearbooks* are controlled stock items and will cost $1.00 for congregation and public; 50¢ for pioneers. (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.) Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1989, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1985 Edition (Regular edition; *bi12* with marginal references) —Japanese
  - *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work* —Finnish
  - *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* —Chinese, Finnish
  - *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* —Chinese, Finnish
  - *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever* —Ukrainian
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Chitonga, Ki-kaonde
- The following publications are now available in grade-two English Braille:
  - *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work* (five volumes) May be requested on loan or purchased for $7.50.
  - *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* (four volumes) May be requested on loan or purchased for $6.00.
  - *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1990* (four volumes) $6.00
  - *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* (one

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Planning Ahead for December

1 Before actually setting out to accomplish a goal, we have to make plans. For example, we may want to take a vacation that includes attending a convention. That may involve planning in advance for saving funds, getting rooming accommodations, having our automobile serviced for travel, and so forth. All these plans are necessary if we are to realize our goal.—Prov. 21:5.

2 In like manner, planning is necessary if we are to succeed in having a share in the auxiliary pioneer service. Tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters worldwide are taking up this avenue of service regularly and reaping many personal benefits. The following suggestions may help you in making your plans to have a share in the auxiliary pioneer service, perhaps as early as next month.

3 Select a convenient period when you can arrange to have the greatest amount of time to spend in field service so as to meet the goal of 60 hours. This may include using some vacation time you have available. Young people in school can make use of winter and spring vacation periods for auxiliary pioneering. 5

4 Months having five full weekends usually provide more available time for the field ministry. Notice that this December has five full weekends. Talk with others who might be able to work along with you either as pioneers or as publishers.—Prov. 20:18.

5 Work out a practical schedule so that you can use your time most wisely. Make plans to spend a good portion of your time in door-to-door work. Street and store-to-store witnessing as well as return visits and Bible studies may also be scheduled. Consider evening witnessing where this is possible, and cooperate with congregation arrangements for field activity during the week and on weekends. Lending your support and working along with other brothers and sisters can be mutually encouraging. Continue to keep the matter before Jehovah in prayer. (Col. 4:2) Ask for his direction as you plan to have a share in the auxiliary pioneer service.

6 Many have tasted the full-time service first as auxiliary pioneers, and this has stimulated them to become regular pioneers. Each day brings us nearer to the fulfillment of Jehovah's grand promises regarding the end of this wicked system of things and the incoming Kingdom of righteousness by Christ Jesus. What a blessing it can be for those who are able to enjoy some form of full-time service! Plan ahead for it, and may Jehovah bless your efforts.

Question Box

- Is it appropriate for a brother to conduct a funeral service for a person of the world who is a notorious criminal?

Questions arise from time to time concerning conducting a funeral when the deceased, such as an unbelieving relative of one of Jehovah's Witnesses, has had little or no association with Jehovah's Witnesses. A balanced approach to conducting a funeral service for such an individual is presented in *The Watchtower* of June 1, 1977, pages 346-7.

If asked to conduct the funeral for a person in the world who is viewed as a notorious wrongdoer, we should decline because it would reflect in a negative way on Jehovah and his organization.—Prov. 18:3.

What about an undedicated person who has engaged in wrongdoing in the past? There is a difference between one who continued to live a life of wrongdoing and someone who led an unsavory life in the past but who was being spiritually transformed and was endeavoring to put on the new personality. (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:17, 20-24) The individual may not yet have become a dedicated and baptized Christian who was walking uprightly and who had been cleansed. (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rev. 7:9, 10) But he may have been taking steps to transform his life, and this can be taken into consideration if a request is made to handle his funeral. If the elders feel that it would not disturb the peace and harmony of the congregation nor bring reproach upon God's people, there would be no objection to an elder's giving a talk if his conscience allowed him to do so.—1 Cor. 10:23, 24, 29, 32, 33.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	149	123.8	76.8	52.0	5.1
Pios.	59,837	62.1	26.6	21.0	2.4
Aux. Pios.	28,717	59.3	23.8	14.5	1.3
Pubs.	729,178	9.9	5.8	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	817,881				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,611

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Helping One Another Start Bible Studies

[1] All who love Jehovah want to be productive in their ministry. Jesus commissioned us to "make disciples . . . , teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:19, 20) If you desire to start a Bible study, seek Jehovah's direction and take advantage of the practical help and suggestions provided through the congregation. —Matt. 7:7, 8.

[2] Your Congregation Book Study conductor takes a special interest in the Bible study work in your group. Approach him and express your desire to conduct a Bible study. He may be able to arrange for an experienced publisher to work with you for a time. The objective should be (1) to enable you to start and then conduct a progressive Bible study and (2) to start other studies in the future.

LEARN BY EXAMPLE

[3] In many cases, our not having a Bible study may be due to our not calling back soon enough on placements or where interest is shown. Therefore, make it a point to call back as soon as possible. Of course, you will need to keep a good record of the interest. Perhaps the publisher assisting you can show you how this is done. The two of you together will want to prepare for making these return visits with the purpose of starting Bible studies. Practice sessions will give you a better idea of how to rekindle the interest when calling back.

[4] Observe what your service companion does when he takes the lead at a call. Note how he engages the householder in conversation. Ask yourself how you could do the same. Does he draw the householder out by the use of leading questions or by asking for a comment on an appropriate scripture? After the call, review what you have learned. Then endeavor to apply these things on future return visits.

[5] Once a Bible study has been started, plan ways that you can both share in it. You might read selected key scriptures and help the householder understand them. After leaving the study, ask your partner for helpful suggestions, such as when to ask auxiliary questions, how to whet the student's appetite for the next study, and how to direct interest to the organization.

WHEN TERRITORY ADJUSTMENTS TAKE PLACE

[6] When new congregations are formed or there are territory adjustments, there may be a need to transfer a Bible study you have started to another publisher. You can arrange for a capable publisher from the other congregation to go with you on the study. After a few weeks have passed, that publisher can begin conducting it. Realizing that turning over a study is just another part of the disciple-making work will move you to do what is best for the student.—Phil. 2:4.

[7] Jehovah is indeed fulfilling his promise to "rock all the nations" and is filling his house with the desirable things. (Hag. 2:7) What a marvelous privilege we have to help others come to know and love Jehovah! By helping one another through the Congregation Book Study arrangement, it may be that many more of us will have the pleasure of conducting a regular home Bible study.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **At the 133 "Godly Devotion" District Conventions held in the United States branch territory, there was a peak attendance of 1,366,700 and 18,011 were baptized.**
- **American Samoa had a new peak of 155 publishers in June, a 35-percent increase.**
- **Antigua had a new peak of 238 publishers in June.**
- **The three district conventions in the Bahamas were attended by 2,448, with 48 baptized.**
- **Cyprus reported their sixth consecutive peak, with 1,213 reporting in June.**
- **Dominican Republic had a new peak of 11,605 publishers in June, a 10-percent increase. They also had a new peak of 22,096 Bible studies.**
- **Fiji had their 54th consecutive peak, with 1,454 publishers reporting in June. Their Bible studies increased to 2,403, the 25th consecutive peak.**
- **Tahiti had an 18-percent increase in June, reaching 1,005 publishers, their 20th consecutive peak.**
- **Vanuatu had a peak of 113 publishers in June, a 35-percent increase.**
- **Western Samoa had a new peak of 198 publishers in June, a 24-percent increase.**

Announcements (*Cont'd*)

volume) May be requested on loan or purchased for $1.00. (Also available in grade-one French and Spanish Braille.)

Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1990 (one volume) Free

Price Changes: As of September 1, 1989, the one-year subscription rate for *The Watchtower* in English Braille is $10.00. Paperbound Braille books cost the following: three volumes, $4.50; four volumes, $6.00; five volumes, $7.50; six volumes, $9.00.

Mark orders for Braille publications, ATTENTION: BRAILLE DESK. Include name and address of the person that will use the Braille material, as well as the remittance for the items purchased.

Kingdom Interests (*Cont'd*)

can slave for two masters . . . You cannot slave for God and for Riches. . . . Stop being anxious about your souls as to what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your bodies as to what you will wear." (Matt. 6:24, 25) Are we anxious about our souls? Or do we have sufficient faith to follow Jesus' counsel to seek first the Kingdom, trusting that all these other things will be added?

[6] Some brothers have turned down higher-paying jobs because the work schedule would interfere with theocratic activities. Others have had to change employment when there was a conflict with Bible principles. Some employers have made concessions to accommodate Jehovah's Witnesses who proved to be willing, dependable workers. (Col. 3:23, 24) Surely, a congregation is strengthened in a fine way when elders, ministerial servants, and pioneers set a good example in seeking the Kingdom first.

PLAN NOW

[7] Some of you young people will soon be out of school. Are you making plans now for a theocratic career? Do you intend to work full-time for a while before you take up pioneering? It is commendable that you are thinking about a future share in the pioneer work. However, if the Kingdom is really first in your life and your circumstances permit, why not put pioneering first? When secular work takes priority, there is a danger that your heart will become weighed down with anxieties that discourage pioneering.—Matt. 6:27, 34; Luke 21:34.

[8] This world requires much from those who are willing to slave for it. If we simplify our lives and make sure of the more important things, we can experience blessings from seeking first the Kingdom. Rather than succumbing to the enticements of the world, how much better to trust in Jehovah, who knows our needs and has promised to supply them! By keeping Kingdom interests first, our lives will have real purpose, strengthened by the prospect of endless future blessings.—Matt. 6:32; 1 Tim. 6:17-19.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 4-10

New offer for December

1. What are the main points of the presentation?
2. How will it answer the needs of people locally?

DECEMBER 11-17

With *Young People Ask* book

1. What sections or chapters have you featured from table of contents?
2. What specific points or pictures have you highlighted?

DECEMBER 18-24

During the holiday season

1. How do you respond to holiday greetings?
2. How can you apply Colossians 4:6 when witnessing?

DECEMBER 25-31

Witnessing to young people

1. Why is discretion needed when talking to youths?
2. How can you obtain the support of parents?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Answer to Youth's Problems.

Ps. 119:9—Bible's practical guidance.

Prov. 1:8—Parents' responsibility.

Helping Youths to Ward Off Calamity

[1] Jehovah wants us to enjoy his precious gift of life. To that end, he has allowed us a measure of personal freedom so that we may pursue the desires of our heart. But along with that freedom to act, Jehovah rightly holds us responsible for what we do.—Eccl. 11:9.

[2] Imperfect and sinful as we are, how can we ward off calamity that could befall us as a result of the way we direct our life? (Eccl. 11:10) Is it possible even for inexperienced youths to avoid calamity? Happily for us, the answer is yes. Jehovah is well aware of our need for direction, and he has lovingly provided counsel and guidance to help both young and old alike pass safely through the mounting difficulties that mark these last days.—Ps. 19:7; 119:9; 2 Tim. 3:1.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

[3] When trouble strikes, youths need responsible parents who can 'straighten up the hands that hang down so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather that it may be healed.' (Heb. 12:12, 13) To help their children keep on the pathway leading to life, parents must periodically readjust the thinking of their offspring. This calls for patience and skill, along with Jehovah's rich blessing.

[4] Parents cannot entirely shield their children from bad influences. But how can a child's mind be fortified? By 'bringing him up in the mental-regulating of Jehovah.' (Eph. 6:4) Among other things, this involves family study, spiritual and moral guidance, healthful after-school activity, appropriate discipline, and good parental example.

[5] The book *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work,* released at the "Godly Devotion" District Convention, is designed to help young people. It also helps parents reason with their children regarding right standards. If God's laws are effectively instilled into a child's mind and heart, these laws can act as a controlling, or regulating, influence. Family discussion of the material in this new publication

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Offer Magazines at Every Opportunity

[1] For more than a hundred years, *The Watchtower* has been championing the cause of Kingdom truth. It skillfully uses God's Word as a sword in cutting through error and exposing false religious teachings. Its companion magazine *Awake!* also advocates the cause of truth. For righteously inclined people, it may arouse their interest in deep Scriptural material found in other Society publications. What can we do to get these magazines into the hands of more people?

[2] The first step is to know the contents of the magazines. This means reading them as soon as they are received and then talking about the articles with others in the congregation. This will assist us in zealously offering the magazines to others and in maintaining a positive attitude as to their value.

[3] The next step is to set aside time each week for offering the magazines to others. Make this a part of your regular schedule of activity. Are you alert to other opportunities to place magazines?

SPEAK TO PEOPLE

[4] While in the door-to-door magazine work, you may find that many people are not at home. But you can talk to people where you do find them. Approach people as they walk along the street. Talk to those who are sitting in cars, working in the yard, waiting for public transportation, and so forth. Refer to a specific article and a point of interest. Make use of the excellent photographs and illustrations to stimulate their interest. Talk to people in a warm, friendly, positive manner, and sincerely present definite points you have gleaned from reading the magazines.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

[5] These suggestions can be helpful also in working business territory. Take advantage of opportunities when the businesspeople are not occupied with customers. Many publishers find it is easier to place magazines in business territory than in regular door-to-door work.

[6] Have you tried developing a magazine route? When you place magazines at homes or at businesses, let it be known that you would be happy to return in two weeks with the next issues. You may be surprised to find how many would be pleased with this personal-delivery arrangement. Remember, too, that

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 4

LA

Song 51

10 min: Local announcements. Include comments on December magazines dealing with holiday celebrations. Mention specific points that can be featured in field service. Encourage support for Saturday magazine activity.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—To Youths." Question-and-answer consideration. When covering paragraph 5, have demonstration of publisher presenting offer to teenager.

15 min: Elder and two or three qualified publishers discuss *Young People Ask* book. Briefly highlight the ten sections of book. Consider selected chapters. Note powerful illustrations, such as the picture on page 27. Encourage youths, parents, and others to consider the book's timely counsel. All should prepare to use book in field service. Suggest ways to use it in family discussion.

Song 40 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 11

Song 138

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Include accounts report along with Society's acknowledgment of contributions by congregation. Announce congregation's field service arrangements.

20 min: "Helping Youths to Ward Off Calamity." Question-and-answer consideration. When covering paragraph 8, have qualified publisher present Topic for Conversation and briefly offer publication.

ALW + Paul D.

15 min: Is Christmas a Celebration Based on the Bible? Two qualified brothers discuss subject from *Reasoning* book, pages 176-8. Call attention to fine article on Christmas traditions in December 8, 1989, *Awake!* Highlight need to respond tactfully when Christmas greetings are extended by householder. Suggest how publishers might take advantage of opportunities to give a witness during holiday season.

Song 183 and concluding prayer.

RW

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 18

AW

Song 151

RG

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Outline local arrangements for holiday witnessing.

TR

17 min: "Offer Magazines at Every Opportunity." Question-and-answer consideration. When considering paragraph 4, demonstrate how to approach a person waiting for public transportation or in similar situations. Highlight need to be conscious of offering magazines at every opportunity.

RJ

18 min: "Keeping Pace With Theocratic Increase." Question-and-answer consideration of insert. Warmly commend publishers for supporting the Society Kingdom Hall Fund.

Song 53 and concluding prayer.

WR

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 25

Song 30 DS

10 min: Local announcements. Mention literature offer for January, and inform congregation of what books are available locally. Call attention to weekend field service arrangements.

BB

15 min: Demonstrating Good Manners While at the Kingdom Hall. Talk based on *The Watchtower* of June 15, 1989, pages 16-17. Highlight need to (1) arrive on time, (2) pay close attention to program, (3) take warm, personal interest in others.

KW

10 min: The Duties of Attendants at Congregation Meetings. Consideration of Question Box by elder and one or two qualified attendants. Show need for all in congregation to cooperate with attendants.

10 min: "Corresponding With Prisoners." Talk by elder, with audience participation. Include key points from the February 1982 *Our Kingdom Ministry*, page 7, and Society's letter of December 1, 1981, to the elders. I

Song 18 and concluding prayer.

Helping Youths *(Cont'd)*

will fortify youths to ward off calamity.

[6] When the *Young People Ask* book was released last summer, the convention speaker directed his attention to the assembled youths and highlighted the value of the book. Parents were encouraged to use it as a basis for family discussion. At the conclusion of each chapter, there appears a feature called "Questions for Discussion." These questions are not designed for paragraph-by-paragraph analysis of the material. Each question covers one or more subheadings. Some family heads may choose to consider the questions after reading an entire chapter. Others may ask the questions intermittently as the material under corresponding subheadings is read.

HELPING YOUTHS IN OUR TERRITORY

[7] We may find many youths in our territory. Some questions they have are answered in this new book, and so during December we will be featuring the *Young People Ask* book in the field. Perhaps you have already developed a presentation you would like to use. Or you might want to say something like the following:

[8] "Often, we think of youth as the happiest period of our lives. But, unfortunately, we see many unhappy young people today. Isn't that so? [Allow response.] Changing standards have created a mixed-up world with many problems that affect young people and rob them of happiness. Where can they find reliable direction? [Allow for comment.] Notice what the Bible recommends at Psalm 119:9. [Read.] The Bible highlights parental responsibility in teaching what is right and then gives this instruction at Proverbs 1:8: [Read.] In harmony with this, the book *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work* is filled with practical guidance based on the Bible, and it has many real-life experiences that will help youths see how they can successfully face the future and be happy in doing so. [Point out several chapter titles to stimulate interest.] You may enjoy this helpful and beautifully illustrated book for a contribution of just $1.50."

[9] The Bible indicates that youths need to channel their energies toward wise, worthwhile goals. Certainly this new book will point many to the source of limitless wisdom—the Bible. What a valuable tool for directing youths to a full life now and to a secure future!—Eccl. 12:1.

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Keeping Pace With Theocratic Increase

1 In Nehemiah's day, there was need for construction because the defensive walls of Jerusalem were in ruin. Nehemiah provided decisive leadership, and the people responded, saying, "Let us get up, and we must build."—Neh. 2:18.

2 Today, in like manner, Jehovah's people are responding to the need for constructing and renovating Kingdom Halls. Hundreds of Kingdom Halls are in great need of renovation, and hundreds of new halls need to be built to accommodate the rapid expansion of Jehovah's organization. Just as Nehemiah organized the work to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, so "the faithful and discreet slave" has organized a building program today by instituting the Society Kingdom Hall Fund and appointing Regional Building Committees.—Matt. 24:45.

3 The Society Kingdom Hall Fund arrangement has experienced Jehovah's blessings. In the six years of its operation, it has supported construction of new Kingdom Halls that otherwise would not have been built because of the lack of sufficient funds. The fund has now been made available to assist in the construction of 649 new Kingdom Halls, accommodating 960 congregations. The generous contributions of the brothers have enabled the Society to distribute funds to congregations having the greatest need. This response in support of theocratic increase has been heartwarming.—1 Thess. 4:9, 10.

4 Regional Building Committees have also experienced Jehovah's blessings. Currently, 65 Regional Building Committees are operating in the United States. Hundreds of projects involving construction of new Kingdom Halls or renovations of existing buildings were completed last year.

5 The brothers serving on the Regional Building Committees are to be commended for the diligent efforts put forth to meet the growing demand for Kingdom Halls. The Society has provided guidelines to assist in reviewing construction plans. Thus, these committees are in a fine position to assist the local elders in planning a Kingdom Hall that will be modest and functional and that will wisely use dedicated resources. It would be good for bodies of elders to weigh all factors carefully, benefiting to the full from the observations of the experienced elders appointed to serve on the Regional Building Committees. —Luke 14:28-30.

THERE IS MUCH MORE TO DO

6 While many Kingdom Halls have already been constructed, there is much more to be accomplished in order to keep pace with theocratic increase. Some of the newly constructed Kingdom Halls already have three or four congregations meeting in them. This means that soon another hall will be needed to accommodate the growth in these areas. Many other congregations are patiently waiting for funds to become available to care for present needs. Our continued support of the Society Kingdom Hall Fund is obviously needed.

7 It is Scriptural to give financial support. The Hebrew word translated "contribution" means "sacred portion." (Ex. 25:2, *Reference Bible,* footnote) Christians correctly desire to contribute their time, energy, and material possessions for advancing

Kingdom interests. We do not enrich Jehovah with our contributions to his work, but in this way we show our love for him, and he blesses those who contribute voluntarily.—1 Chron. 29:14-17; Prov. 3:9.

[8] Paul wrote at 2 Corinthians 8:12: "For if the readiness is there first, it is especially acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what a person does not have." All can be encouraged to set aside something regularly according to their ability and desire. (Compare 1 Corinthians 16:1-4.) Tertullian wrote of the early Christian congregation: "Every man once a month brings some modest coin—or whenever he wishes, and only if he does wish, and if he can; for nobody is compelled; it is a voluntary offering." Unlike many religions today that pass a collection plate to demand contributions, all material offerings in the Christian congregation are voluntarily given from the heart. (2 Cor. 9:7) In this regard the December 1988 *Our Kingdom Ministry* commented: "Many congregations and circuits have assisted regularly by passing resolutions authorizing that funds be contributed to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. . . . Even though a congregation follows this procedure, a Society Kingdom Hall Fund contribution box conveniently located in the Kingdom Hall will enable individuals desiring to do so to make voluntary contributions to the fund." When acknowledgments of past contributions are read to the congregation, all are reminded of the share they may personally have.

CONTRIBUTIONS TRULY APPRECIATED

[9] Our continued support of the Society Kingdom Hall Fund as circuits, congregations, and individuals is necessary to keep pace with theocratic increase. Your generous support of this arrangement and the volunteered time and skill of thousands who have assisted with the construction and renovation of Kingdom Halls are sincerely appreciated. Yet, there is a need to quicken our pace to meet the need for more Kingdom Halls.

[10] One congregation wrote: 'We want to thank you brothers for showing your faith and confidence in us by lending us the money to finance this project. In addition, we would like to thank you for Regional Building Committees, and we sincerely appreciate the gifted brothers used in connection with our building project.'

[11] Another congregation said: 'When we formed the isolated group in May 1985, we began meeting in the home of a sister. Most baptized brothers stood at the meetings. As our attendance rose, there was no room even to stand. The congregation would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to you brothers for acting quickly and taking an interest in our needs. This too was a blessing from Jehovah in response to our prayers. The congregation is simply thrilled to be in this fine new Kingdom Hall.'

[12] We have the record of what was accomplished in Nehemiah's day. Despite opposition from enemy nations, the Israelites followed Nehemiah's courageous lead, and with Jehovah's blessing they completed the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days. Nehemiah 4:6 says "the people continued to have a heart for working." So today, under the direction of the faithful and discreet slave, great construction work is being accomplished, and Jehovah's modern-day organization has "continued to have a heart for working." We join you in praying for Jehovah's rich blessings as we endeavor to keep pace with theocratic increase.

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW

Closed-book review on material covered in Theocratic Ministry School assignments for the weeks of September 4 to December 18, 1989. Use a separate sheet of paper to write down answers to as many of the questions as you can in the time allotted.

[Note: During the written review, only the Bible may be used to answer any question. References that follow the questions are for your personal research. Page and paragraph numbers may not appear on all references to *The Watchtower*.]

Answer each of the following statements True or False:

T 1. The "Sprout" mentioned at Zechariah 6:12 is Jesus Christ. [*si* p. 171 par. 25]

2. Zechariah 8:23 foretold that the "great crowd" of "other sheep" would join the remnant in pure worship. (Rev. 7:9; John 10:16) [*w*88 1/1 p. 18]

3. In the book of Romans, Paul firmly established that Jews and non-Jews have an equal standing before God. [*si* p. 204 par. 2] not under old Law Cov.

F 4. The apostle Paul founded the congregation in Rome on one of his missionary journeys. [*si* p. 205 par. 3]

F 5. Only a few of Jesus' disciples witnessed the fact that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. [*si* p. 211 par. 20] Peter James, apostles 500

6. Only because of the man's sincere sorrow and repentance did Paul encourage the Corinthian congregation to reinstate the man whom he had ordered to be disfellowshipped in his first letter. [*si* p. 213 par. 6]

F 7. Because Paul prayed to God three times for removal of his "thorn in the flesh," his request was granted. [*si* p. 215 par. 16]

8. By dropping in two coins of very little value, the poor woman of Mark 12:41-44 furnished a fine example of unselfishness in supporting true worship. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 10/15 p. 31.]

9. From Mark 15:34 it seems that Jesus wavered in his faith, believing that God had deserted him. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*87 6/15 p. 31.]

10. Resuming sexual relations with an adulterous mate after learning of the adultery constitutes forgiveness on the part of the innocent one. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*81 3/1 p. 30.] T

Answer the following questions:

11. What was the situation as to the temple in Jerusalem when Zechariah began to prophesy? [*si* p. 168 par. 1] no buil

12. Though all peoples are under sin, in what way did the Jews enjoy superiority? [*si* p. 206 par. 9] Keepers of [illegible]
Written record of

13. According to Romans 13:1-7, who are the superior authorities to whom Christians are to be in subjection, and chiefly from what motive? [*si* p. 207 par. 16]
Worldly auth. - not above except

14. By what argument in his first letter to the Corinthians did Paul show that no one can boast in men? [*si* p. 210 par. 9]
Plant water & Grow - only

15. Who was the rock-mass on which Christ built his congregation? [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*87 12/15 p. 8.] J C

16. What did Jesus mean when he said about a demon: "This kind cannot get out by anything except by prayer"? (Mark 9:29) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*82 6/1 p. 31.] Not prepared

17. What was "the sign of Jonah" mentioned at Matthew 16:4? [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*82 11/1 p. 31.] in grave 3

18. Who is "the messenger of the covenant" mentioned at Malachi 3:1? [*w*87 6/15 p. 12] J C

Provide the word or phrase needed to complete each of the following statements:

19. Malachi was a contemporary of Nehemiah. [*si* p. 172 par. 2]

20. We cannot be partakers of the table of Jehovah and Demons. [*si* p. 210 par. 16]

21. The "young man" who eluded those arresting Jesus was probably Mark. (Mark 14:51, 52) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 10/15 p. 30.]

22. The fact that Mark felt compelled to define such expressions as "corban" at Mark 7:11 shows that he wrote primarily with Gentile readers in mind. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 10/15 p. 30.]

23. Because he did not want to be intoxicated - drugged, Jesus refused to drink the wine mixed with gall. (Matt. 27:34) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 7/15 p. 25.]

24. At Matthew 26:64 Jesus boldly applied the prophecy at Daniel 7:13, 14 to him. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 1/1 p. 10.]

Select the correct answer in each of the following statements:

25. Death ruled as king from Adam to (Abraham; Moses; [✓ Christ]). [*si* p. 206 par. 10]

26. Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians about 55 C.E. from (Rome; Macedonia; [✓ Ephesus]). [*si* p. 209 par. 3]

27. When Paul wrote his second letter to the Corinthians, (the congregation had not yet received his first letter; [✓ not many months had elapsed between letters]; some three years had passed). [*si* p. 213 par. 1]

28. The Decapolis cities were centers of ([✓ Greek, or Hellenistic, culture]; Samaritan religion; Judaism). (Mark 5:20) [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 10/15 p. 30.]

29. (Matthew; ~~Mark~~; [✓ Luke]) alone mentioned Elizabeth's barrenness, her conception, and the birth of John. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 11/15.]

30. ([✓ Matthew 20:30]; Mark 10:46; Luke 18:35) is not contradictory of the other two accounts; it is simply more specific. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*88 2/1 p. 5.]

Match the following scriptures to the statements listed below:

Mal. 3:1-18; Matt. 22:30; Matt. 23:27, 28; Mark 4:38; Rom. 11:13-24

Mal 3:1-

31. Jehovah would come to his temple for judgment, cleansing the sons of Levi and acting as a speedy witness against the wicked. [*si* p. 173 par. 10]

Rom 11:1

32. Using the illustration of an olive tree, Paul showed non-Jews that they should not rejoice over the rejection of Israel. [*si* p. 206 par. 14]

Mark 4:

33. Jesus probably rested on a bolster or cushion serving as a seat at the stern. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 10/15 p. 30.]

Mt 23:27

34. Heeding this implied counsel will cause us to shun deviousness and hypocrisy. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*89 7/15 p. 25.]

Matt 2

35. A Christian whose mate has died should not feel obliged to remain single out of an expectation that his former marriage mate will be reunited with him in the resurrection. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w*87 6/1 pp. 30-1.]

Announcements

- Literature offer for **December:** *Young People Ask* book for a contribution of $1.50, or *Bible Stories* or *Live Forever* for $3.00. **January and February:** Any 192-page book published prior to 1980 that the congregation has in stock for the reduced contribution of 50¢, with the following exceptions: *Family Life, Great Teacher, This Life, Truth,* and *Youth.* There is a limited supply of *Commentary on James* that may be ordered from Brooklyn. (For obtaining credit, elders should refer to the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988.) If the congregation has no stock of books to be offered at the reduced rate, the *Worldwide Security* book should be offered for a contribution of $1.00. These books may be ordered from Brooklyn. **March:** *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* for a contribution of $1.00.
- The Memorial date for 1991 will be Saturday, March 30, after sundown. This advance notice of the date for the 1991 Memorial celebration is given so that brothers may make necessary reservations or contracts for available halls when there are too many congregations using one Kingdom Hall and they must find other facilities.
- The *Watchtower* in Hungarian and in Samoan will become semimonthly editions starting with the January 1, 1990, issue.
- The *Awake!* magazine will begin as a monthly edition in the Hungarian, Sepedi, and Tswana languages starting with the January 8, 1990, issue. Additionally, *Awake!* in Zulu will become a semimonthly edition as of the January 8, 1990, issue.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit the congregation's accounts on December 1 or as soon as possible thereafter. CM+RC
- Congregations should begin ordering bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 1989 on their December literature orders. (See the 1989 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) The bound volumes will be available in Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish. Until the bound volumes are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. Bound volumes are controlled stock items and will be charged at $6.00 each for congregation, public, and pioneers.—See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.
- Some adjustments will be made in future printings of the *Live Forever* book. The only significant change is with regard to the Sodomites, on pages 178 and 179. This change appeared in the *Revelation* book, page 273, and in *The Watchtower* of June 1, 1988, pages 30 and 31. You may wish to note it in earlier printings that you have on hand.
- If congregations have not done so already, they should order *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1990* with their December literature order. (See the

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Corresponding With Prisoners

[1] People from many walks of life are being contacted with the Kingdom message. *Our Kingdom Ministry* for February 1982 gave direction regarding witnessing to prisoners. Since that time, positive reports continue to be received about incarcerated persons who have responded favorably. Bible studies and meetings are being held in a number of institutions. This has resulted in new disciples dedicating their lives to Jehovah and getting baptized.

[2] In many cases prisoners are being witnessed to by correspondence. In this regard, we feel it is necessary to repeat a word of caution. It has been found that some prisoners who are eager to correspond with others have questionable motives. While it would be appropriate to write to prisoners, providing Scriptural information and encouragement or Bible literature as needed, money or personal gifts should not be sent, despite the fact that such may be requested by the correspondent.

[3] It is strongly recommended that only qualified brothers correspond with male prisoners. Qualified sisters should write to female prisoners. Individual members of the congregation should not indiscriminately visit prisons and have close association with inmates.

[4] When interest is shown by prisoners, it is best to turn the names and addresses of such ones over to the congregation in the area of the particular institution. The qualified brothers there will visit these prisoners and, if possible, arrange to study with those who are sincerely interested in the truth.

[5] If questions arise about writing to prisoners or visiting penal institutions, please review what was stated in the article referred to above. Additional written direction was provided for all bodies of elders in a letter from the Society dated December 1, 1981.

PROV. 14:15

1 COR 14:40

Question Box

- What are the duties of those who serve as attendants at congregation meetings?

Attendants are to extend a warm greeting to all who come to the meetings. Their duties include seating latecomers, recording attendance, maintaining order and security, and caring for the ventilation of the Kingdom Hall. Attendants should be friendly, responsible brothers who take the initiative in caring for their responsibilities.—*om* pp. 63-4.

Attendants should be alert to the needs of new persons, make them feel welcome, and help them to find seats. All in the congregation should be ready to help new ones get acquainted and feel welcome. When guiding latecomers to available seats, attendants should endeavor not to disturb those already seated. At times they provide new persons with the magazine being studied.

Maintaining order during the meetings is essential. Since we encourage parents to bring their children to the meetings, there will be some disruptions at times. But when children continue to be restless or unruly, an attendant should kindly offer assistance, perhaps suggesting that the parent take the child out of the auditorium for a time. If parents with young children sit where they can easily exit when necessary, caring for the needs of their small children can be done with little distraction.

In areas where security is a problem, attendants should be assigned to protect against vandalism or disturbances by opposers. If someone inside the Kingdom Hall tries to disrupt the meeting, he should be asked to leave. If he refuses and persists in causing a disturbance, the elders may contact the authorities. (Elders have additional written direction that will be helpful to them in such a situation.) In some areas it may be necessary for assigned brothers to check the Kingdom Hall parking area during meetings.—*km* 11/84 p. 4.

When the attendance count is taken, all adults as well as young children who are listening and benefiting, even to a limited extent, should be counted.—*km* 7/79 p. 4.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!:*

December 4: Pages 165 to 171#

December 11: Pages 171# to 176

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SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	221	126.5	90.7	54.2	5.0
Pios.	64,520	82.0	38.9	25.9	2.4
Aux. Pios.	37,484	58.8	27.9	15.3	1.3
Pubs.	698,288	9.6	6.3	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	800,513				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,290

We rejoice to see a new peak of regular pioneers reporting in September.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

To Youths

1 This modern age has proved to be a very difficult time for young people in general. Yet, centuries ago a man inspired by God wrote: "How will a young man cleanse his path? By keeping on guard according to your word." (Psalm 119:9) Indeed, direction based on Jehovah's Word is benefiting thousands of young people today.

2 After reading one of the "Young People Ask . . . " articles in *Awake!*, a young man said: "I used to date regularly just because I thought it was the thing to do. I thought nothing of marriage. Then I read your *Awake!* magazine. It changed my values for the better. I stopped dating until I am ready to marry." He obviously benefited from the practical counsel given. Now young people have easy access to a valuable source of Scriptural information that has been published in the form of a new book, *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work*. What can you do to make it available to young people in your territory or youths in school?

TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUNG PEOPLE

3 Persuading young people to appreciate the value of Jehovah's Word can be challenging. (See Proverbs 22:15.) However, the apostle Paul said: "To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews." (1 Cor. 9:20) Similarly, helping youths find and appreciate worthwhile spiritual direction requires that you understand young people and their problems. You need to think in terms of what interests young people and what their problems are in school or where they live or work. When witnessing to youths, this understanding should be reflected in your introductions, your comments, and your questions. The table of contents in the new book *Young People Ask* is an excellent source of ideas on what to talk about. By being familiar with these subjects, you will have insight into what many young people are thinking about today.

WHAT YOU CAN SAY

4 When going from house to house, observe where there are children. Explain that you are doing a public service to help people cope with everyday problems. In these homes you may be able to speak with the children themselves. Point out an example of the practical counsel found in the book. Keep in mind that your goal is to help them see the truthfulness of Psalm 119:9.

5 When you speak with a youth, be friendly and treat him with dignity. After an initial greeting, you may say: "I am engaging in a public service to help young people like you cope with the problems they face in this community. Do you ever find yourself being urged to do something you really don't want to do? Or are you inclined to do things at times just because of what others are doing and not because of your own preference? Do you ever wonder how you can cope with such peer pressure?" After his response, open the book to chapter 9. Then say: "Please notice what this new publication says on page 77. [Read an appropriate paragraph.] Do you think a study of the Bible would help youths to cope with this problem? [Allow for a comment.] Note what the Bible says at Psalm 119:9. [Read.] This book shows you how the Bible can help young people cope with difficult situations, such as those listed in the contents. [Hand him the book.] It is yours for the contribution of $1.50."

6 If you are a publisher still attending school, follow the suggestions given in the August 1989 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*. You will have many happy rewards as you do so.

7 Jehovah "does not desire any to be destroyed." (2 Pet. 3:9) This includes youths. However, many young people will not survive Armageddon. May our efforts to preach to youths effectively result in the salvation of a good number of young people, to Jehovah's praise.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Bolivia reported a new peak of 6,701 publishers in July. Despite cold winter weather, congregation publishers averaged 14.2 hours in the service.**

◆ **Côte d'Ivoire reported a new peak of 3,070 publishers for July. There were 717 publishers in the pioneer work, which was 23 percent of the publishers. The pioneers are conducting 51 percent of the Bible studies.**

◆ **Ecuador continues to see fine growth. The new peak of 15,201 publishers in July is a 20-percent increase over last year's average. Auxiliary pioneers increased 66 percent over the same month a year ago.**

◆ **The district convention in French Guiana was attended by 1,425, and 28 were baptized. They had a peak of 570 publishers.**

◆ **Guadeloupe reported that 12,339 attended the district conventions, and 308 were baptized. This is excellent compared with their peak of 5,980 publishers.**

◆ **New Zealand had a 10-percent increase in July with a new peak of 11,007 publishers.**

Offer Magazines *(Cont'd)*

each time you return and talk with the person or place literature with that person, you can report a return visit.

7 You might seek other opportunities to offer magazines, such as evening witnessing, talking to relatives, making return visits, or when traveling or shopping. Following through on all these suggestions may be the means of helping many become regular readers of our Bible publications and eventually praisers of Jehovah.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

1989 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) The booklets will be available in Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Iloko, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Samoan, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Until these booklets are available and shipments are made, they will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. *Examining the Scriptures* booklets are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at 30¢ each, which is the publisher rate. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1989, may receive one free copy and obtain additional copies at 20¢ each. A separate entry should be made on the monthly remittance form (S-20), showing free copies to pioneers.—See the 1989 *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.

- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—Large Print (set of four volumes) —French
  - *Comprehensive Concordance* —German, Italian
  - *Reasoning From the Scriptures* —Hungarian
  - *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* —Croatian, Hungarian
  - *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (Large and small sizes) —Polish
  - *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* —Danish, German, Norwegian, Swedish
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1981-1985* —Dutch
  - *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* —Croatian, German, Polish, Ukrainian
  - *Victory Over Death—Is It Possible for You?* —Tamil
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Listening to the Great Teacher* (set of four cassettes and a book in an album; congregation and public: $10.00; pioneers: $7.50) —Finnish, Norwegian